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MR. STIMSON URGES USE OF AMERICAN NAVY

Selassie Back In Triumph

Exactly five years after the occupation of Addis Ababa by Marshal Badoglio, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, made a triumphal return to his capital on Monday afternoon.

He was met by Lieutenant-General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding East Africa, who was chiefly responsible for delivering his country from the Italian yoke in the brilliant British campaign now nearing its end.

His two sons, the Crown Prince and the Duke of Harrar, were there to greet him.

Great excitement prevailed as the Emperor entered the city. Italians still in Addis Ababa remained discreetly indoors.—Reuter.

NAZI ACTIVITY IN THE ANTARCTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Further light on Nazi activities in the Antarctic has been thrown by Admiral Byrd himself following the return of his expedition after 18 months in the south Polar regions.

Admiral Byrd stated: "The Germans have started to take over Palmerland. The Nazis have begun encroachments on the western hemisphere."

Dr. Paul Siple, quoting a "high Chilean naval officer," said he was informed that a German naval repair ship in Deception Bay was blown up a few months ago.

"You may draw your own conclusions as to who may have done this," he added.—International News Service.

NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN CRETE

The New Zealand Minister for Defence, Mr. Jones, announced yesterday that Brigadier General Edward Bullen has been appointed temporary command of the New Zealand Forces in Crete in place of Major-General Freyberg, V.C.—Reuter.

PREMIER LUNCHEONS AT PALACE

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was received in audience by the King and remained to lunch with Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace yesterday.—Reuter.

GREEK SUBMARINES AT ALEXANDRIA

Greece's submarines have sailed to Alexandria where they have joined the British Fleet, declares an official statement on the fate of the Greek Fleet issued in Cana (Crete) yesterday.

Of 10 destroyers, three were sunk. Two of 13 torpedo boats succeeded in reaching Alexandria.—Reuter.

German Losses In Raids

Germany has lost 41 night bombers already this month.

This total—nearly half of the record April losses—was reached with announcement that two additional raiders, it is now confirmed, were brought down on Sunday night by A.A. fire.

Thus this year the Luftwaffe's losses by night total 203, which compares with 130 for the whole of 1940, of which 93 were brought down from June onwards.

Two more enemy aircraft were brought down in the Channel on Tuesday in daylight when small formations crossed the Kent coast and flew a short distance inland.

The Air Ministry says bombs were dropped on a town on the Kent coast and another on the East Coast but little damage was done and there were no serious casualties.—Reuter.

TERRORIST ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, THE FOURTH U.S. MARINES AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF A CHINESE TERRORIST FOLLOWING AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE TWO JAPANESE NAVAL SENTRY IN THE HONGKOW AREA OF SHANGHAI.

One sentry was slightly wounded in the finger.

In the course of searches by the Japanese and the S.M. Police a lone Chinese was seen running away. He was chased and arrested and handed over to the Japanese authorities.—International News Service.

Strategic Moment For Guaranteeing Security Of Seas

IMMEDIATE USE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, "TO MAKE THE SEAS SECURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF MUNITIONS TO BRITAIN," WAS URGED BY MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR, IN A BROADCAST SPEECH TO THE NATION LAST NIGHT.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned towards the defence of our nation's safety," he declared.

At the outset, Mr. Stimson answered some critics who to-day were calling him war-monger and who opposed America's present efforts at national defence.

"The fact is that for many years after the Great War, both as a private citizen and as Secretary of State, I laboured with my full strength for the establishment of the reign of law among nations, under which their controversies should be settled by judicial methods instead of by force.

"There was a time when such a movement seemed full of hope. To-day that time has passed—temporarily, we trust—and our hopes of peace have been dashed by international aggression.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned towards defence of our nation's safety.

"For that reason to-night I am speaking of that crisis and of our defence in meeting it.

Hitler's Ambition

"In 1933 a group of men under the leadership of Adolf Hitler obtained possession of the Government in Germany and overthrew the German Republic.

"Both within and without Germany they have set back the clock time more than five centuries. They have embarked on a scheme of conquest which is avowedly intended to be worldwide.

"For that purpose they have built up in secret an immense military machine based on the forced labour of Germany.

Destroying Civilisation

"They have already attacked, conquered or occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, and have reduced the people of these 13 countries to serfdom, semi-slavery and Nazi despotism.

"They have attacked to their Axis as vassals two other nations dominated by the same purpose of military conquest—Italy, guilty of unprovoked attacks upon Ethiopia, Albania and Greece, and Japan, guilty of a similar attack upon her neighbour.

"By this conquest they have destroyed western civilisation, which had been slowly building up in Europe ever since the Dark Ages.

Freedom Dashed Aside

"We are so close to these sudden happenings that we can hardly yet realise the havoc which has thus been wrought both within and without the national boundaries of that unhappy continent.

"The growth of freedom has been so long and so steady that we had come to believe it would (Continued on Page 16.)

Austin Road felt the blast of the explosion.

The men were formerly employed as fitters on the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway but were recently seconded for service with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

KOWLOON BARRACK EXPLOSION

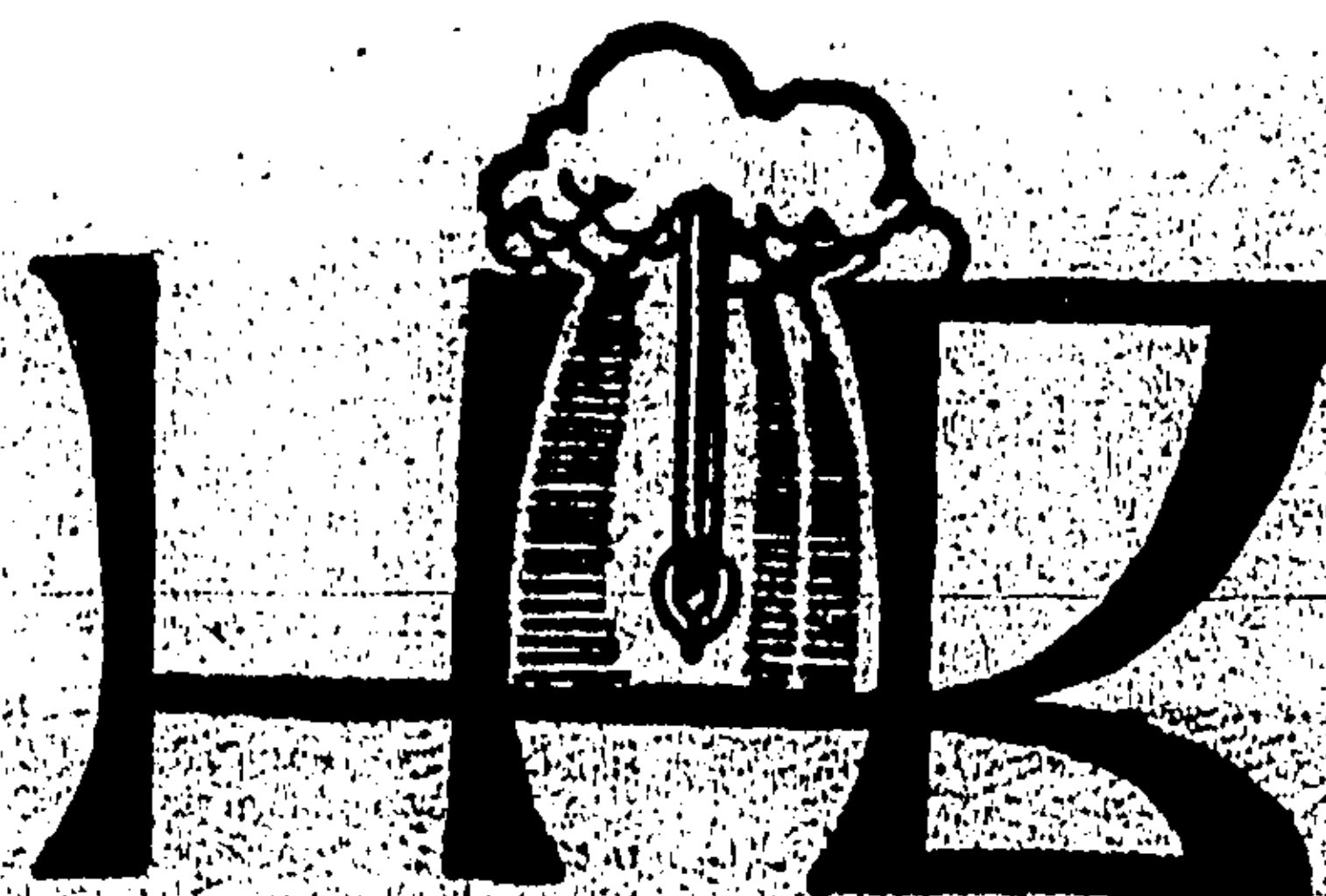
Three Chinese workers were killed outright yesterday when a dynamite container suddenly exploded in Whitfield Barracks.

The men, Wong Cheung, 32, Lau Fong, 28, and Chung Yung, 18, were working in the West Fort in Whitfield Barracks, filling containers with dynamite when the accident occurred.

They were the only persons in the West Fort, and no witnesses are available to supply a clue to the cause of the accident.

The entire district, Canton Road, Haiphong Road and (Continued at foot of preceding Col.)

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

WAR DEBATE OPENS IN COMMONS

Mr. Eden's Review Of Developments In Middle East

Fatal Attitude Of Earlier Yugoslav Government

OPENING THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POINTED TO HIS DIFFICULTY IN GIVING THE COMMONS A FULL ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR RELATION TO HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"We are not alone," he said. "Others are listening to every word that is said in these debates and there is much I would like to tell which, perforce, I am unable to tell at the present time, for I have so to phrase my remarks that I do not assist the enemy in any way in his activities."

Recalling the early days of February, Mr. Eden said: "What then seemed to the Government to be a German plan for an early Spring campaign was looming."

They had then already a large number of troops in Rumania, taking positions at Bulgarian aerodromes, and it seemed clear to us that the object of all this was, step by step, to overrun the Balkans, having occupied Rumania by methods we know of, to establish themselves in Bulgaria, thereby to encircle Yugoslavia, to subjugate Greece, to immobilise Turkey, and from that position, without firing a single shot, to deliver their main blow from secure bases at our position in the eastern Mediterranean.

There is no doubt the subsidiary purposes in this plan was to bring help to their Italian allies, whose war was not going too well in Albania.

"Hitler has described to us how well the Italians did. A nation of 45 millions weakening against seven millions."

"I do not suppose ever a more humiliating tribute has been paid to our ally. (Hear, hear.)"

"As we watched that Greek campaign in Albania, supported by our air force, but against an extremely heavy attack by men and materials, one must have thought that never was so much surrendered by so many to so few. (Laughter and cheers.)"

"Now I come to February 8, which was the date our forces entered Benghazi—a brilliant exploit which brought valuable gain."

Rest And Refit

"But with the supreme effort entailed by that advance, the armoured troops who had so large a share in it had to rest and refit."

Their vehicles had not only been engaged in a continuous advance for two months but many of them had been engaged in action for a much longer time, with hardly a rest."

"So there was no prospect of prolonging the advance with those armoured vehicles beyond the point reached at Benghazi, and any prolonged advance by these formations, to Tripoli was out of the question."

Greek Note

"On February 8 there reached the British Government a Note from the Greek Government confirming the determination of the Greek Government to resist German aggression. (Cheers.)"

"It asked us to say what help we could give and the conditions in which we could give it."

"This Note from the Greek Government was not a cry for help. (Cheers.) It was a statement of the Greek position and a request that we should state ours."

"In face of these conditions, Government decided to maintain the decision they had previously arrived at, to halt the desert advance at Benghazi and to prepare the forces there to go to the help of Greece."

"That decision was the decision of Government and of the three chief military advisers."

Many Problems

"If Greece was to be helped it was obvious that help must be made ready and brought to bear very rapidly. Many problems required discussion and solution—the position of Yugoslavia, the necessity for keeping Turkey informed of our plans, and so forth."

"It seemed to Government that the wisest step was to attempt direct negotiations, so they entrusted the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and myself with this task."

"NEITHER OF US EVER HAD THE LEAST DOUBT OF THE ODDS AGAINST THE FULL SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION."

"We knew perfectly well that the German plans were far advanced. We knew how great were their material powers but I think we should have been to blame if we had not made that attempt. (Cheers.)"

"With the collapse of French resistance our forces in the Middle East were left to meet the situation without the help of the French armies."

Serious Shortages

"Our forces were relatively small and, what was worst, they had many serious shortages of equipment."

"In the late summer of last year the Government at home were deeply exercised by the situation in the Middle East."

"After General Wavell came home for consultations with the Prime Minister, Government took the decision to take great risks to reinforce that army."

"We then sent out armoured units, men, material and aircraft, and it was that equipment and these weapons which enabled General Wilson and General O'Connor in their desert advance to secure such brilliant successes. (Cheers.)"

"The Greek King and Prime Minister at once made it

abundantly clear that Greece was determined to resist German aggression as she had resisted Italian aggression."

"The Greek Prime Minister added that whatever the hopes of repulsing the enemy, Greece would defend her national territory if she could count only on her own forces (cheers)."

Reasonable Chance

"At these discussions we told the Greek Government what we knew of the German plans. They came to the conclusion that the establishment of Anglo-Greek forces on the Halkon line offered a reasonable fighting chance of holding the German advance."

"The decision was reached very quickly and in complete agreement between the military experts of the two countries."

"It so happened at that time that we had the advantage of consulting in Cairo that most wise statesman and tried warrior, General Smuts. (Cheers.)"

"I asked him if he could be kind enough to come to Cairo when we were there. With characteristic generosity he did so, and we were able to consult him."

Complete Agreement

"That decision was taken at the gravest risk, in the light of our equipment here. Since then we have maintained a continuous stream of men and materials to the Middle East."

"This country has made that possible by submitting to restrictions of imports."

"With the collapse of France the fulfilment of our obligations for equipment to Turkey and the guarantee to Greece fell exclusively on our shoulders."

"On our arrival in Cairo we found that the three commanders-in-chief were in complete agreement with the policy advocated in London."

"We found in principle that the land formations to be sent out had already been decided on and preparations were in hand for their concentration."

"I would not have thought it necessary to mention this except that it was considered that the forces to be left in Cyrenaica would be sufficient to meet any threats."

An Appointment

"After a brief interval we decided that all of us go to Athens. I say all of us, but I ought to exclude the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, Admiral Cunningham, who had at that moment one of his occasional appointments with an elusive enemy. (The Battle of Matapan.)"

"He has authorised me to say, and indeed his speeches have since made plain that he too was

in complete agreement with the decision arrived at."

No Recrimination

"From Greece there has been no recrimination. The other day I sent a message to the Greek Government congratulating them on the valour and actions of their troops and I received a reply which I should give to the House:—

"Please assure the House of Commons and the British people that their eulogies of the Greek Army will touch the hearts of our whole nation. We will never forget the loyal and courageous help which the British and Imperial forces gave our native land. Our allies showed themselves worthy to rank with the ancient heroes of Thermopylae and to write letters of gold in the glorious pages of British history. I desire once again to assure you that we will continue the struggle by the side of our great ally, the noble people of the British Commonwealth, until victory is won and the triumph of the ideals of liberty, morality and international justice is achieved." (Cheers.)

Mr. Eden continued: "I think the House will agree that the generous spirit of that message has animated the Greek nation throughout its ordeal." (Cheers.)

Not Enough

Turning to Yugoslavia, Mr. Eden said when they arrived they got plenty of encouragement that a German attack on Yugoslavia would be resisted but he said, "This was not enough. What was needed was a common plan so that if an attack developed we should have the best chance of resisting it together. (Cheers.)"

"WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE THIS AND EVERY EFFORT FAILED UNTIL THE MOMENT OF THE COUP D'ETAT."

"During these conversations we were given repeatedly to understand that the Yugoslav army was mobilised. When we pressed our anxieties that they would be too late, the reply always came, 'we shall be ready.'"

"In fact, that mobilisation had not proceeded fast enough and it was not until the coup d'etat that the new Government made a real and urgent effort to get their armies ready."

Too Late

"It was then too late—too late for the best will in the world to mobilise armies and concentrate them where they ought to be if they were to give us the support and help needed."

"So it was, despite all the gallantry of the Yugoslav army, which has been as splendid in this war as in the last, despite all that, without an effective plan, the Yugoslav armies could not and did not stop the German drive through southern Serbia to Monastir Gap."

"It is perhaps idle and unprofitable to speculate but had the Government which preceded the coup d'etat of General Simovitch, as clearly understood Yugoslavia's true interests as did the Government of General Simovitch, the whole story might have been different."

"But none of these things can detract from the courage of the decision which the Yugoslav people eventually took."

"We have pledged ourselves to redeem Yugoslavia's independence and that pledge will be honoured. (Cheers.)"

Turkish Loyalty

"While we were in the Middle East we had frequent opportunities for conversations with Turkish statesmen. The Turkish Government was informed, as an ally, of our plans in connection with Greece."

"Throughout all these conversations I was deeply impressed by the loyal friendship shown by all the Turkish statesmen, who we had occasion to meet, and by the determination they and their people showed to stand firm

against any menace to their sovereignty, or any encroachment on their rights and interests."

"Since the beginning of this war Turkey has rendered great service to our cause by her policy of independence. The importance of her role as a bulwark against further aggression in the Middle East is obvious."

"I AM SURE THAT LOYALTY TO THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THIS COUNTRY WILL, AS EVER, BE THE BASIS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY."

Rashid Ali

Turning to Iraq, Mr. Eden said "Unconstitutional action by Rashid Ali has already led once to his fall from power."

"When later he seized power again, the British Government saw no reason why this or any other event in Iraq should deprive them of their clear treaty rights."

"Nothing can excuse the action of the Iraqi military leaders in first accepting and then challenging our clear treaty rights."

"This country has a record of which it has no need to be ashamed in its dealings with the Arab people and above all with Iraq. (Cheers.)"

"It was we who assured independence to modern Iraq: it is we who have assisted them and in every respect kept our word."

"I wish to make plain to the world our present position. We are grateful for the offer of their good offices by the Turkish and Egyptian Governments."

"OUR POSITION IS: THE FIRST REQUISITE IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM HABBANIYAH AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE BRITISH FORCES IN IRAQ."

Britain Determined

"When this has been done and fighting between the allied nations has in consequence ceased, His Majesty's Government is prepared to discuss the fulfilment of their treaty rights, which they are in all circumstances determined to maintain. (Cheers.)"

"Many of their most distinguished leaders have already realised this."

Mr. Eden said that for a long time Italian newspapers had been regularly expressing their hope of seeing a British defeat and had shown quite clearly that if their hopes were fulfilled Italy would control the Arab lands of North Africa and elsewhere."

Mr. Eden proceeded: "Every Arab must know what that means. In all recent history there has been no rule more cruel and ruthless than that imposed by Italy on Arabs living in Tripoli and Cyrenaica."

Spectre ?

"What of the other parties? Hitler told us on Sunday that he is an interested spectator in the Balkans—a spectator whose rule is based on military might and of the Gestapo."

"Arabs in any land must know that the approach of Axis rule means the end of their liberty, which they have jealously guarded and which, in alliance with us, is safe to-day."

Concluding, Mr. Eden declared: "Not once does Germany or Italy show anywhere the least respect for an engagement. Their only sanction is force."

"The United States to-day are helping us greatly in many spheres and in many ways."

Immense Step

"The more fully, more rapidly and more certainly that help can reach the battlefields in Asia, Africa and Europe, the shorter the duration of the war."

"That is why I welcome the immense step forward taken by the United States in deciding to send ships to the Red Sea."

"It must be our privilege, together with the help we can receive from the United States, to win for the nations of Europe the right to live their own lives in peace and tranquillity, secure at last from the haunting dread that shadows our time."—Reuter

Temperate Discussion On Efficacy Of Intelligence

MR. ATTLEE'S SALLY AT HORE-BELISHA

WITHIN AN HOUR OF its opening the War Debate in the House of Commons yesterday settled down in a calm but not overcrowded House into a temperate discussion, the key to which was provided by the remark of Government Liberal, Sir Percy Harris: "We are solid behind the Prime Minister but the fact need not exclude constructive criticism."

Mr. Lee-Smith, Leader of the Labour Front Bench, asked a number of questions which resolved themselves, as did a number of other speeches, mainly into doubts about the full efficacy of the British Intelligence and Information Services and whether advice or information always received full attention.

At no time, however, was there any division of opinion about the rightness of going to aid Greece. The most critical speech was by Mr. Hore-Belisha. He contended that the British Expeditionary Force was inadequate and information was wrong and wrongly interpreted.

HE DECLARED THAT MATA-PAN WAS A DECOY OPERATION WHICH GAVE THE GERMANS THEIR LARGE FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA AND ALSO DECLARED THAT WE HAD FAILED IN IRAQ.

Mr. Hore-Belisha demanded an improvement in intelligence, more armour, more tanks, dive-bombers and transport planes. He agreed that progress had been made but declared that it was not enough.

Mr. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, replying to Mr. Hore-Belisha, pointed out, amid laughter, that until January, 1940, Mr. Hore-Belisha had been in charge of a big part of British war preparations. He was sure that when Mr. Hore-Belisha was at the War Office he found that what he did was conditioned by what his predecessor had done.

Mr. Attlee added: "We find ourselves very much in the same position."

Mr. Attlee declared that the position in the Summer and Autumn of last year was infinitely more threatening than that today.

Fundamental Fact

The splendid Greek resistance, General Cunningham's campaign in Abyssinia, and the victories of General Wavell in Libya, did make a bright light on a dark day but did not alter the fundamental fact of the situation—that the Continent of Europe was in the hands of Germany.

Simultaneously with the debate in the Commons, a debate was held in the Lords on a similar motion, and after a few hours of discussion, the Lords unanimously passed a vote of confidence in Government.

The Commons debate will be continued.—Reuter.

SOVIET ARMS FOR CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")—According to the B.B.C. 650 truckloads of about 2,000 tons of Russian munitions reach General Chiang Kai-shek's armies monthly through Turkestan.—International News Service.

ECHO OF SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Leave to presume the death on or since November 8, 1936, of Carlos Fernando Stuart Y Falco, Duke of Penaranda, was granted in the Probate Court yesterday, the application being by the Duke's brother, the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador in London.

An affidavit by the Duke of Alba stated that the Duke of Penaranda was interned in the model prison in Madrid in the Summer of 1936 with other sympathisers of the National movement.

He was removed from prison in or about the following November and was believed to have been assassinated.

Since then the widow, child and brother have not seen him or heard from the Duke of Penaranda who left estate of about £35,000 in Britain.—Reuter.

SCURRILOUS SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOLLOWING A CONTINUOUS 10-DAY ATTACK AGAINST THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE "FAR EASTERN TIMES," RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE SHANGHAI DAILY, BELIEVED TO BE JAPANESE SPONSORED, YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A FULL PAGE ARTICLE DENOUNCING THE S.M.C.

It labelled members of the Council "parasites, robbers, lizards and bandits."

Questioned, an S.M.C. official stated the matter was being studied by higher authorities.

Bitter attacks have been made daily on Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Elly Kadoorie and other prominent Jewish businessmen, and steps are being considered to suppress the paper's activity.—International News Service.

NURSE WAS BOMB HEROINE

A Canadian nursing sister was one of the heroines in a London restaurant which was bombed.

She worked in the bombed building among the dead and dying for more than an hour.

She was Miss Helen Stevens, of Dunnville, Ontario, who is now a nursing sister in No. 1 Canadian General Hospital in England.

Canadians on week-end leave, British officers and men and Londoners were dining in the restaurant when it was hit by a high explosive bomb.

Miss Stevens went to the restaurant with a party of Canadians, including Nursing Sister Thelma Stewart of Toronto, her close friend, and Lieutenant Jack Clunie and Lieutenant Jack Wright, both of Sarnia, Ontario.

When the bomb fell, Miss Stewart and Lieutenant Wright were dancing. Miss Stevens and Lieutenant Clunie, dishing the tune which was being played, went to their table in the balcony. Then the crash came.

Wright, who was among the killed, shielded Miss Stewart.

SWEDISH OFFICIAL VISIT TO FINLAND

The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Guenther, arrived in Helsinki yesterday on an unofficial visit.

He was greeted at the aerodrome by the Finnish Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

HOSTILE SHELLING IN IRAQ

"In the Habbaniyah area British aircraft were again active on Monday," states a communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo.

"Hostile shelling was intermittent and inaccurate.

"In the Basra area the situation remains quiet.

"Libya: Tobruk: no change in the situation.

"In the Sollum area, the activities of our ground, and air forces were severely hampered by a heavy sandstorm.

"Abyssinia: Further progress was made by our forces northwards from Dessie on the rear of the Italian position about Amba Alagi.

"Advancing from Neghell, our troops ejected and inflicted heavy casualties on a strong enemy force holding a position covering Adola.

"In other sections our advance is continuing."—Reuter.

MEXICO READY TO TAKE PART

Mexico's opposition to totalitarian expansion was unequivocally expressed by the Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, writing in the Carnegie Foundation's publication "International Conciliation."

Senor Padilla declared: "Mexico is prepared to take a stand with other Western Hemisphere democracies in opposing totalitarian expansion and Fifth Column activity.

"America's destiny is to take part in the fray."

Later in the same article, Senor Padilla writes: "The Mexican people, with full consciousness of the cause they are embracing, are fully resolved to share that destiny.

"We must, therefore, prepare. We must resolutely cooperate with one another for the defence of this hemisphere."—Reuter.

POSED AS A BARON CHARGE

A 26-YEAR-OLD DISCHARGED SOLDIER WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE POSED AS BARON FISHER DE BOSLIER, WAS REMAIND IN CUSTODY AT EXETER CHARGED UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS WITH USING OTHER THAN HIS OWN NAME.

The man, George Samuel Fisher, with an address at an Exeter lodging-house, was described by the acting Chief Constable as a man of no substance. There were other charges pending. Fisher, who had been a private, was discharged from the Army after hospital treatment.

Detective Sergeant Bennett said Fisher told him he used the foreign name and title as a joke.

Civil Servants Scorn Red Tape

CIVIL SERVICE organisations have placed before Sir Horace Wilson, head of the Civil Service, proposals for reforms in administration.

The suggestions have come from the staff side of the National Whitley Council, on which all Civil Service Trade Unions are represented. They aim at eliminating unnecessary red tape so that Civil Service man-power can be used to the best advantage.

The view put to Sir Horace is that there should be some modification on the meticulous check on every item of expenditure, and that in war conditions a great deal of filing in Government departments could be dispensed with.

Civil Service administration is based on the necessity to have expenditure subject to immediate check by the Comptroller and Auditor-General and to furnish Ministers with information about any matter which may be raised by a member of Parliament.

The Civil Service unions feel that while these are necessary in

"This Canadian officer died protecting a Canadian nurse," said Miss Stevens.

Clunie suffered minor wounds, but has recovered.

As the wounded called for help, Miss Stevens walked among the wreckage tending them and pouring champagne into their wounds as an antiseptic.

The A.R.P. were quickly on the spot, but Miss Stevens stayed and was the last woman to leave.

peace-time, they waste essential man-power in time of war.

"Not Enough Work"

Another suggestion is that a high official, acting directly under the Prime Minister, should have power to decide the staffing needs of each department. At present, some departments are holding on to staff which could easily be transferred.

The Treasury hesitates to interfere because the Minister concerned can always raise the matter as a Cabinet issue.

There is a good deal of evidence that in several departments particularly those created since the war—trained civil servants are fretting because they have not enough work to do.

Soldier Clerks

In the War Office and the Air Ministry there is a growing tendency to make service appointments for clerical and similar jobs. This is often more expensive.

In addition, men in the services are exempt from fire fighting and the job falls on civilians who are often doing precisely the same work.

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FURNACE HEAT IN DESERT TESTING GERMAN ENDURANCE

HEAVY SAND-STORMS IN FURNACE-LIKE HEAT ARE TESTING THE ENDURANCE OF THE GERMANS IN THE SOLLUM-TOBRUK AREA, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED MILITARY CIRCLES IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The situation was reported much the same as 24 hours ago and the enemy's attack is believed to have proved exhausting as well as costly to him.

The position in Abyssinia, where the Imperial northern and southern columns are gradually converging on Amba Alagi, is described as very promising for the Imperial Forces.

Observers returning from the Western Desert say that the Germans are being considerably affected by the conditions there. PRISONERS DIARIES CONTAIN FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE HEAT AND WATER SHORTAGE WHILE DIVE-BOMBING BY THEIR OWN PLANES IS OFTEN MENTIONED.

It seems that there is some truth in the reports that the Germans trained troops for desert warfare by manoeuvres in sand dunes on the Baltic and by strenuous exercises in glass-houses to accustom them to heat.

German tanks are not proving well suited to desert work and British mobile guns are able to pick them off at close range. — Reuter.

MUNITIONS CALL TO IDLE GIRLS

Recruit for munitions work the large number of girls who have left bombed areas and are living in idleness in safe towns and villages.

That call to the Minister of Labour is to be made by Sir Patrick Hannon, Conservative M.P. for Moseley, Birmingham, in Parliament.

He will ask the Minister also to "use power to prevent the demoralization of these women, who should be employed in the service of their country."

In the Bridgwater district of Somerset the employment committee has formed a panel to plan engineering training for women who have been jobless for a month or more.

"Idling"

A member said: "It is a matter of national importance that evacuee girls and women should do something more definite than walking up and down the streets all day long."

"They are idling their time in the villages, too," said a country member, Mr. W. House. "They should be doing something."

But it was not only evacuees who came in for criticism. There are 370 local girls, too, who are not working.

9 CARAT WEDDING RINGS

There is such a shortage of wedding rings in the Midlands that brides may shortly have to wear a standard nine carat gold ring.

"The Government quota allows retailers and wholesalers to sell only twenty-five per cent. of the value of rings that they sold last year, while the demand through war weddings has increased by more than ten per cent," said a director of a jewellery firm.

"Twenty-two carat rings are a luxury to-day. Brides have to be content with a nine carat ring."

"The Government class wedding rings as a 'luxury' and manufacturers are still trying to convince the Board of Trade that the wedding ring in Britain is of high sentimental value."

PLUMBER'S MATE: BISHOP

A thirty-year-old York plumber had his breakfast and then set out to repair a water tank. Ten minutes after the job was finished he was shaking hands with the Archbishop of York, Dr. William Temple.

Stopped by a nurse in the street, he had willingly agreed to become one of the first blood donors in the East Riding campaign.

As the volunteer — Leonard Wood, of Dodsworth Avenue, York — was taken into the testing room at the Theatre Royal, the Archbishop was just seeing the sample of blood drawn from his own ear placed into a test tube.

Blushed Before Mike

Leonard was next in the chair. Then, each with a piece of cotton wool in his ear and a blood donor badge pinned to his coat, the Archbishop and Leonard walked together through the Market Square to speak into the microphone.

"It didn't hurt much did it?" said Dr. Temple to him.

Leonard blushed as they were greeted with a fanfare of trumpets from a military band.

Then, his big moment over, he slung his bag of tools back on his shoulder and set out for the next job.

VILLAGE SMITHY'S NEW TOB

STRAINING HIS GREAT MUSCLES TO THE TASK HIS FAMILY HAVE DONE FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS, BEN BACHE, THIRTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD SMITH OF THE SPADE AND SHOVEL-FORGE IN THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF CHURCHILL (WORCS) BEATS HIS HAMMER AGAINST HARD STEEL.

But instead of fashioning the farm implements as his eighty-four-year-old father, and his forebears back to his father's great-grandfather, used to do, he is working to form great ladles for pouring out molten metal to make hand grenades for our fighting men.

As the villages pass by they hear the clang of the hammers and the road of the furnace, blown on by powerful bellows worked by the water wheel on the village stream.

From morning to night the forge is busy — for Ben the Smith does not spare himself in the new work that has fallen to him.

TOOK BOMB TO DUMP— FINED £3

When a bomb fell near his old home in South-East London, Leading Signaller Arthur Pullen was a bit upset.

Then he learned that the bomb hadn't exploded. So they hadn't wrecked his birthplace? Well, that was easy, he'd shift the bomb.

Pullen is forty-two, has been twenty-five years in the Navy, and sailors don't care — about bombs. But let his wife tell the story.

"The bomb weighed 110lb. and had gone through two storeys and a settee, and was lodged under the floor boards," she told the "Daily Mirror."

"He borrowed a saw and some thick wire, sawed round the bomb and pulled it out.

"Some men wanted to help but he would only let my seventeen-year-old son Harry come along. He told them it was a case of 'one dog, one bone.'

"He carried the bomb to a public house which had been nearly destroyed in a previous raid. Harry, who is as fearless as his father, followed him in case he dropped it.

Works Were Ticking

"But he thought the public house was too near some houses, so he took it to a dump.

"All the time the works were ticking. He was going to dismantle the bomb, when the bomb disposal squad men came along and he was taken to the police station.

"This morning he was fined £3 at the police court for 'removing and tampering with a bomb dropped from enemy aircraft.'

"The money was paid by his flag officer and will probably be deducted from his pay.

"He doesn't care, and has told me he would do it again if necessary. The vicar has offered to pay but my husband told him it was all right. A number of people whose homes would have been destroyed also want to pay it."

A neighbour said that a collection to pay the fine was being made. "I paid 5s. — and would like to give 25s," said one. "We have nearly got the £3 already."

Last September Pullen climbed to the roof to deal with some incendiaries. On another occasion he was trapped in a bomb crater.

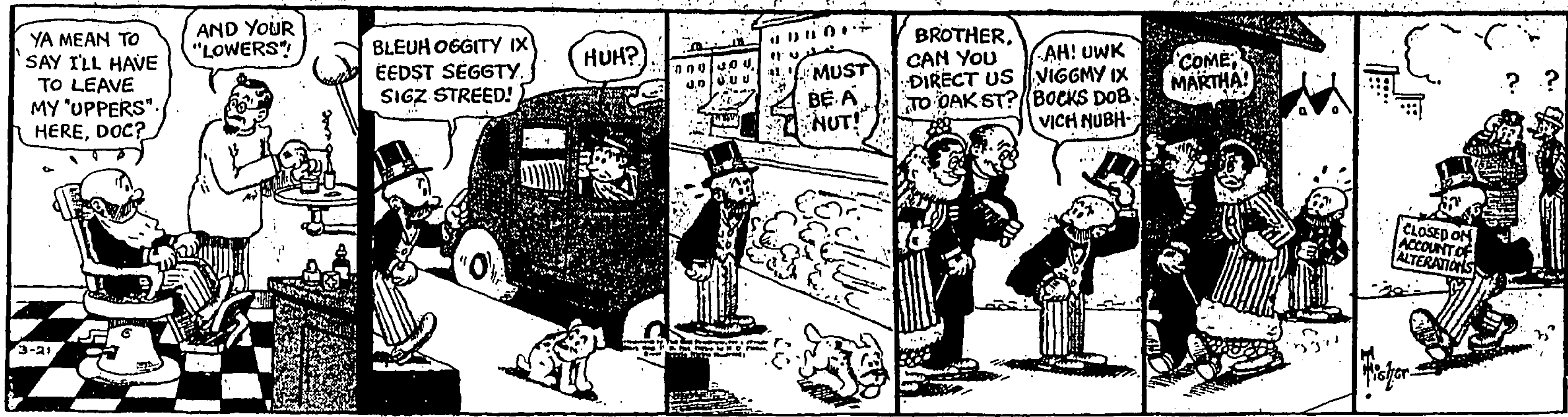
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By BUD FISHER



SAVED CHILD FROM HORSE

When a horse bolted, someone with one arm in a sling snatched a child from its path then jumped on the cart and brought the horse to a standstill after a mad dash.

And after calming the animal, handed the reins to a passer-by.

Central figure was a girl guide of seventeen—Winnie Johnson, of Garfield Street, New Southgate, London, N., who is now award the Girl Guide silver cross.

She had her right arm in a sling at the time because of a fall.

"I forgot all about my arm in the excitement," Winnie told the "Daily Mirror."

She told no one of her adventure, but someone told the Girl Guides' Association.

Now Winnie is wondering whether, after all, she ought not to tell Sergeant-Pilot Victor Swindon, now serving with the R.A.F. in Egypt.

They're engaged and lovers shouldn't have any secrets should they?

'GROOM IS SHOT AS 100 WAIT IN CHURCH

(By A Special Correspondent)

WHILE A HUNDRED wedding guests were waiting, a happy, excited bridegroom, ready to leave for the church, accidentally shot himself with his Army revolver. Everyone expected him to recover — otherwise there might have been a wedding ceremony at his bedside — but he died.

The bridegroom was Captain Peter Watkinson, aged twenty-seven, of the Loyal Regiment, only son of Dr. Watkinson, until recently of Tudor House, Hall Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

He was to have married Miss Esme MacKenzie, daughter of Mrs. Moore and stepdaughter of Major Arthur Leslie Moore, of the Old Vicarage, Ticehurst, Sussex.

Twenty-year-old Miss MacKenzie was leaving for the church when news of the accident was phoned to her.

She raced to her bridegroom's side, still wearing her bridal clothes. She was with him when

he died at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Thunbridge Wells.

The flowers which were intended for his wedding were placed over his grave at his funeral.

Captain Watkinson, who was on special leave, was showing a revolver to his host, Lieutenant-Colonel M. W. Halford, of Skinners Farm, Wadhurst, Sussex.

"He was excited and happy," Colonel Halford told me.

"We were ready to go to the church and Peter was handling the revolver and discussing its mechanism when it went off. He collapsed."

"We got him to hospital and phoned Miss MacKenzie's home."

The vicar, the Rev. O. A. S. Edwards, said: "All the guests were in the church, waiting for the bride and bridegroom to arrive."

"I had just spoken to the organist when the bride's father told me:

"There has been an accident. Would you please tell the guests and ask them to wait a little while?"

"Everyone waited for about twenty minutes. Then the bride's father came back. The guests went away."

"Meanwhile, Miss MacKenzie had apparently been told by phone what had happened."

"On the way to Skinners Farm she stopped at the church for a moment and then went to see Captain Watkinson."

"She was able to speak to him before he became unconscious."

"It has been a terrible shock to Miss MacKenzie," said Mrs. Edwards, wife of the vicar. "It was never expected that he would not recover—otherwise there might have been a wedding ceremony at the hospital."

Special prayers were offered for the captain's recovery.

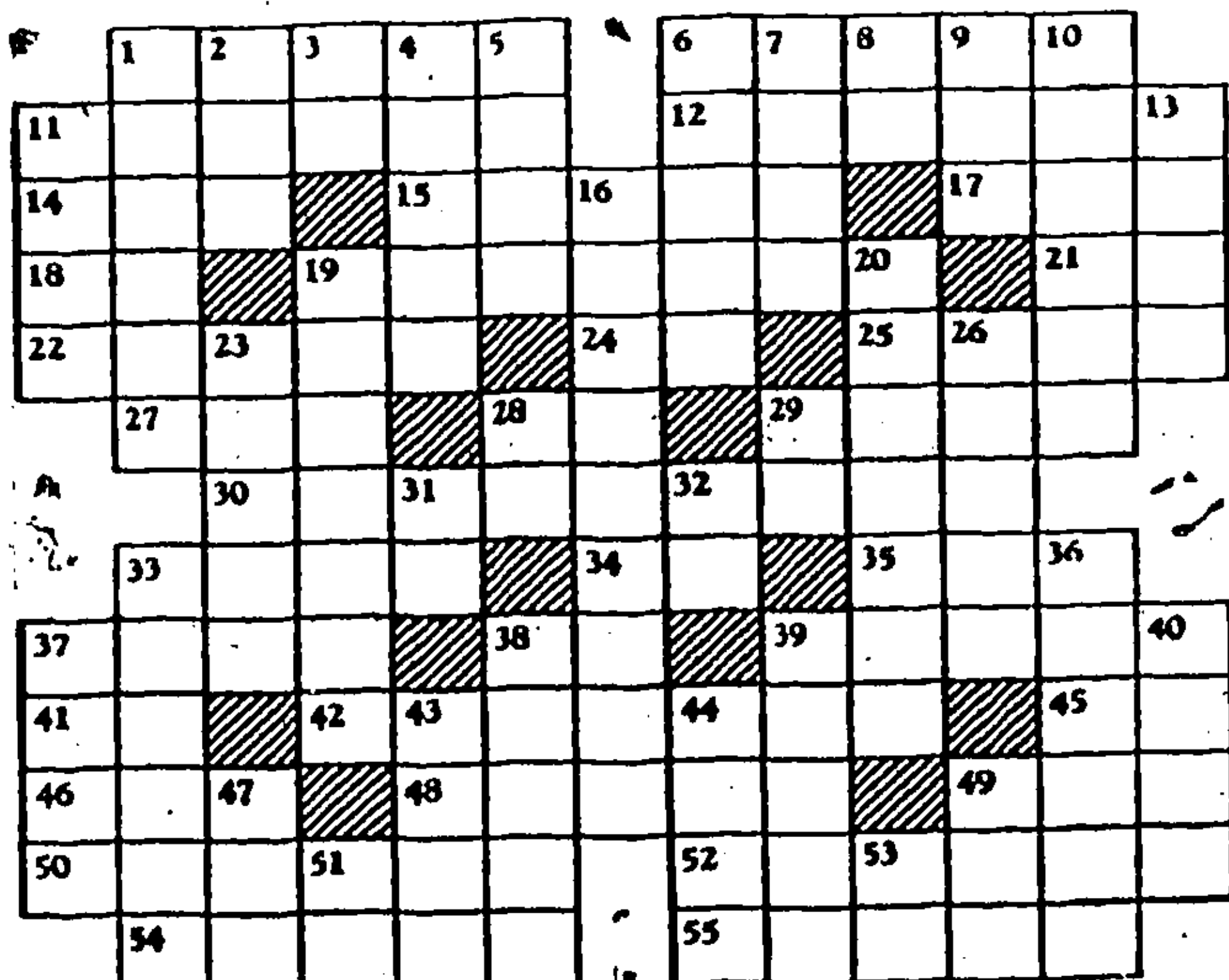
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- 1 Heathen
- 6 Is afraid
- 11 Dinner-jacket
- 12 Whole
- 14 Crude metal
- 15 To alter
- 17 Digit
- 18 Symbol for silver
- 19 Having no limits of duration
- 21 Concerning
- 22 To penetrate
- 24 Teutonic deity
- 25 God of war
- 27 Deer
- 28 Preposition
- 29 Exclamation of sorrow
- 30 Fraternal
- 33 Obtains
- 34 Part of "to be"
- 35 Electrified particle
- 37 Constructed
- 38 Article
- 39 Mexican title
- 41 Conjunction
- 42 To swell

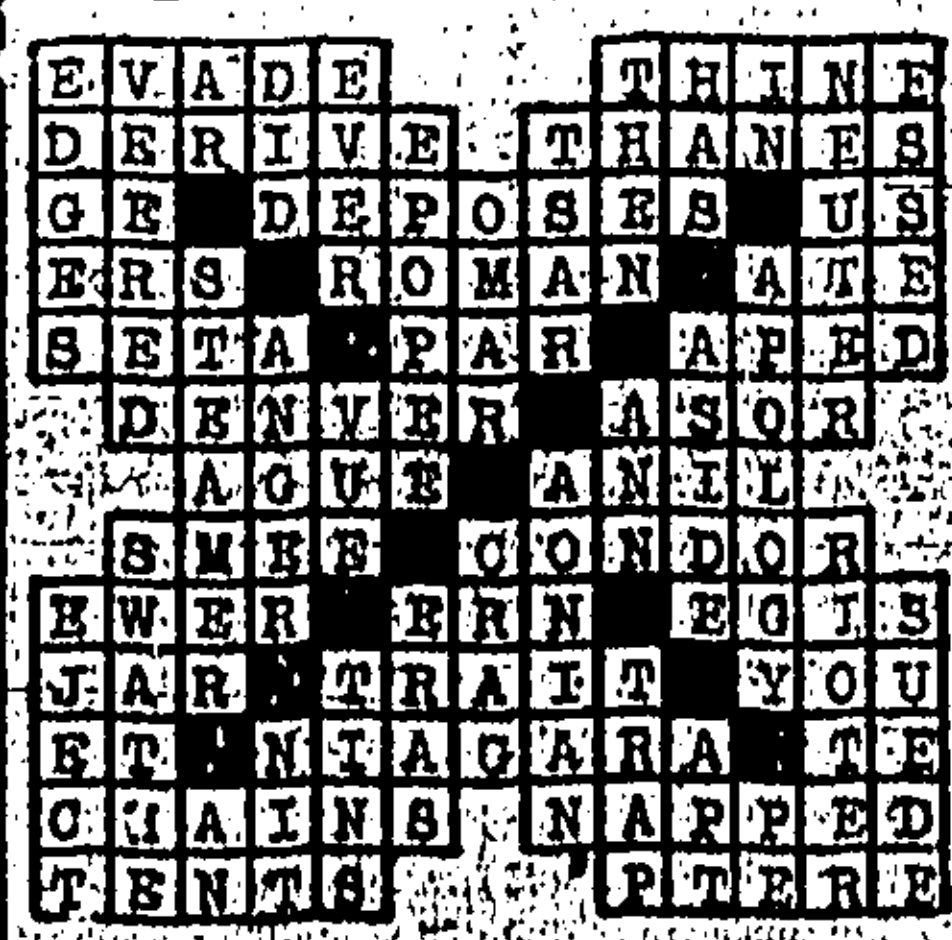
VERTICAL

- 1 Cleaned
- 2 Chopping tool
- 3 Earth goddess
- 4 Proverb
- 5 Alaskan capital
- 6 Smaller
- 7 Concludes
- 8 By
- 9 Rodent
- 10 Tallies

11 Amphibian

- 13 Golfers' mounds
- 16 Largest land-animal (pl.)
- 19 Turned aside
- 20 Rushed out suddenly
- 23 Having protuberances
- 26 Lustrous textile fibre
- 28 Low note
- 29 Land measure
- 31 Bone
- 32 Printer's measure
- 33 Deep red
- 36 Colloquial: to rumour
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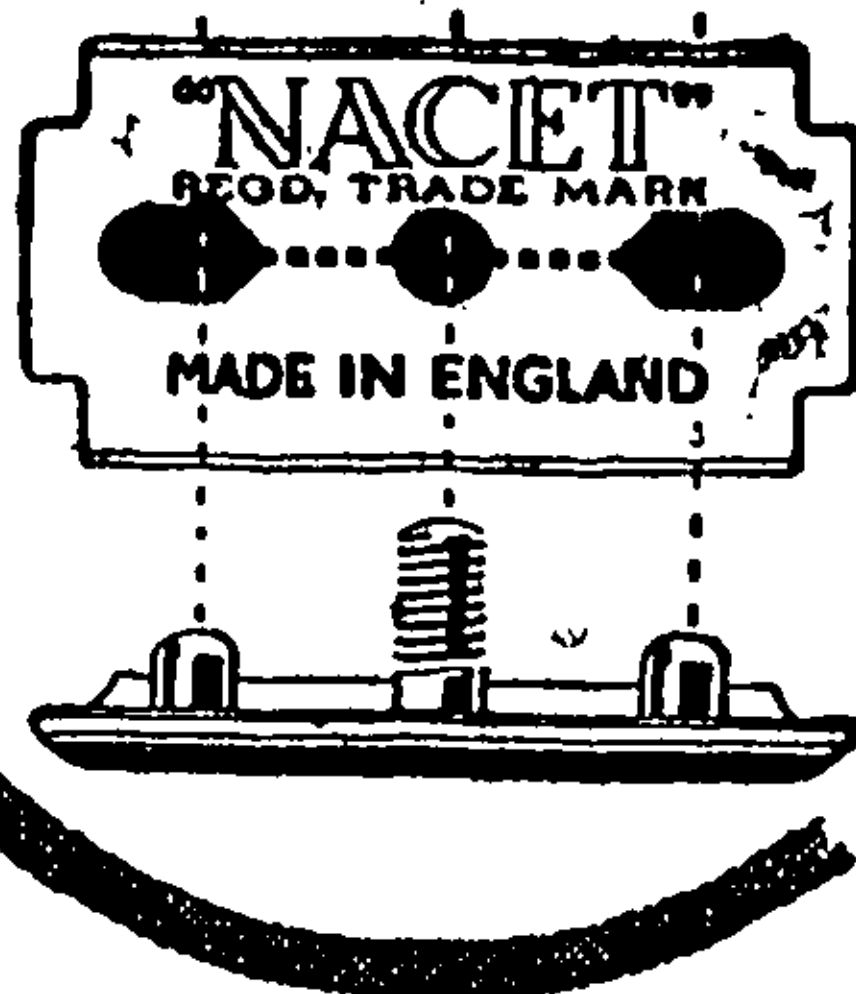
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They were a happy, middle-class family in their semi-detached house in Auckland Road, South Norwood, and the neighbours got a shock when they learned that the Pierces were a clever fraud organisation run by the father. All four were convicted at the Old Bailey.

Forged Post Office Savings Bank books were their racket for four years until one day the police swooped, arrested the son and daughter.

Then a detective-inspector followed the man and woman into their house. In the woman's shopping bag was £488 in notes, and a forged bank book.

A search of the house revealed blocks for printing covers and leaves of Post Office Savings Bank books.

For the Post Office this was a new kind of forgery racket, and it had been carried on all over the country. In two days the family obtained £600—but this was recovered.

He Was Brains

THE FATHER, Arthur George Pierce, fifty-three-year-old painter, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

Pierce was an adjutant in the last war, was commended for his organising ability.

Now he was described as the brains of a fraud organisation, a dangerous criminal.

Pierce was charged with the actual forgery of a bank book. He asked for eighty-six similar cases, involving £242, to be taken into account.

THE MOTHER, Hannah Mary Pierce, fifty-three, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

THE SON, Harold Pierce, twenty-five, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. He asked for thirty-two other cases, involving £218, to be taken into consideration.

THE DAUGHTER, eighteen-year-old Janet Pierce, who wanted fifty-two similar cases, involving £297, taken into consideration, heard the Common Serjeant postpone sentence on her and add that if a favourable probation report were received, he would probably bind her over.

Arthur Pierce and his wife had been previously convicted for obtaining clothes by false pretences when they were chauffeur and cook to the late Mr. Philip Snowden, former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

'PLANES DASH TO SAVE BABY

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 'PLANES JOINED IN A STRUGGLE TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A BABY RECENTLY.

From Manchester a parcel containing special serum was flown by passenger plane to Elre for a three-month-old baby girl, daughter of a Dublin doctor.

The serum is rare, and the father had broadcast from Dublin an appeal to any doctor or hospital who had it.

Friends of the doctor got in touch with the Eireann Ministry of External Affairs. As a result a message was flashed to the Eireann High Commissioner in London.

He got in touch with a London hospital, the serum was sent on to Manchester by plane, and then flown over to Collinstown aerodrome, Dublin, where the father was awaiting it.

A.A. GUNS GOT 4 IN SECONDS

On a brilliant sunny day on the South Coast, Junkers 87 fighter-bombers and Me 109's circled and twisted.

First the Junkers dived on their objective. Below, cool A.A. gunners with split-second accuracy brought down the first in a crater made by its own bombs, then blew another to bits. A third sheered off.

Then the ME's dived on the British guns. Again our gunners, working like lightning, picked off two planes—and the attack was broken.

This deadly accuracy was disclosed by a young officer when he visited a factory producing A.A. guns. He told the workers his battery alone had recently accounted for twenty-two enemy planes.

Not a second could be wasted in operating the guns, he said, because the time for engaging a low-flying aircraft seldom exceeded ten seconds.

Hit Full In Cockpit

Describing the action in which the four planes were shot down, he said:

"One Junkers dived to attack its objective. We hit it with the ninth round.

"Other guns swung to a second aircraft and brought it down before it released its bombs.

"Then three ME pilots dived in a staggered line, firing their cannons at us.

"The magnificent design and workmanship of the guns enabled us to swing the gun round through 90 degrees, elevate it to about 60 degrees and hit the plane full in the cockpit with the third round.

"Then we were able to swing up and hit the engine of a second M.E. It crashed into the sea."

BRIGHTER COURT PLAN FAILS

Georgia (U.S.) Senate decided that they wanted only beauty contest winners to act as women jurors.

The women must have won a beauty contest within two years before their jury service, must be less than forty-five years old, and should wear perfume agreeable to the Judge and the court officials.

But the question aroused so much controversy that it was decided to forget the whole idea of women serving on juries.

PEER IS LEARNING HIS OWN LANGUAGE

Viscount Tarbat, thirty-six-year-old Highland laird, is learning Gaelic in a German prison camp.

He is a major in the Seaforth Highlanders and was taken prisoner last June. Writing to his wife who is at Castle Leod, Strathpeffer, Lord Tarbat says:

"Officers in the camp pass the time attending and giving lectures. I have always wanted to learn Gaelic but never had the opportunity. I hope, when the war is over, to be able to speak to my Ross-shire tenants in their native tongue."

Viscount Tarbat's mother, the Countess of Cromartie, is a past chief of the Inverness Gaelic Society. She does not speak Gaelic but was appointed first woman chief of the society because of her interest in Gaelic lore and in recognition of the mystical Celtic stores she has written.

WOMAN AIDS POLICE IN ARSENIC MYSTERY

POLICE INVESTIGATING the poison death mystery of Miss Elizabeth Byford have had a long interview with a woman whose identity they are keeping secret.

This woman is said to be now living in the metropolitan police area. She never knew Miss Byford, but she has been able to help the police in their inquiries.

It was from a house in the old tin mining village of St. Ann's Chapel that forty-seven-year-old Miss Byford was taken ten months ago to a Plymouth hospital, where she died from arsenic poisoning.

Detectives have taken possession of Miss Byford's bank account. It shows that sums of money more than she ever spent on herself were frequently withdrawn from the legacy of several thousands of pounds she had put by.

The police have tried to trace where this money has gone. But it has been difficult, because the middle-aged spinster moved to at least six new addresses in the

last few years of her life. It is clear that she spent little of the money on herself, as she seldom went out.

"Mrs. Fiske"

Most of the money was drawn in notes of small denomination.

It is puzzling, too, why she chose to call herself "Mrs. Fiske," the name she adopted when she opened her double-fronted grocer's shop at Bridport, Dorset, two years ago.

Miss Byford's relations do not know the answer to this riddle; one of many in this case which the police have tried to unravel for nearly a year.

More than a score of witnesses are likely to be called when the inquest is resumed at Plymouth in a few weeks' time.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

THE REASON WHY

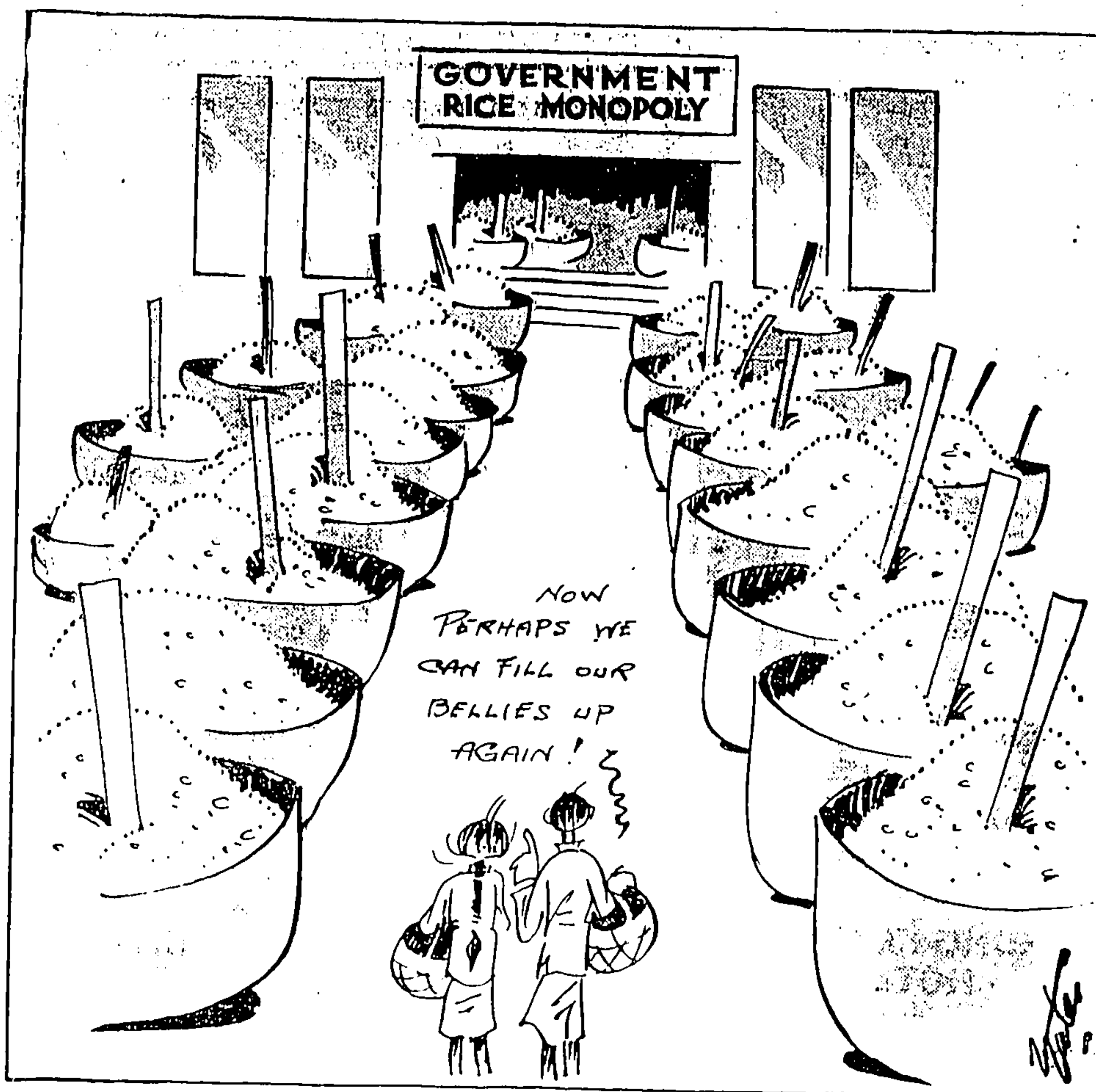
There are many people who, with all the will in the world demanding a British victory in this war, still ask what good it did for Yugoslavia to offer challenge to German might. The answer may perhaps be detected in a letter addressed to the "New York Times" by the Yugoslavian Minister to Washington, M. Constantin Fotich, who begins by pointing out that the Yugoslavs could have "bargained for their freedom with unscrupulous aggressors."

They might have preserved for a time, at least, a semblance of independent existence if they had been prepared to "cooperate" on the degrading terms that Hitler offered. Why did they choose to resist, and what good did their resistance do? In less than two weeks of fighting their army was forced to capitulate; their leading cities were destroyed; thousands of men, and of women and children too, were killed or maimed; the rest will be treated worse by the Germans than if they had not resisted. How can we say that their resistance was worth while?

That is the question that disheartened people — in Yugoslavia itself, in Turkey, even in Hong Kong — ask themselves. One answer, as Mr. Fotich's letter makes clear, is that this is a decision that a liberty-loving people does not make on any mere cold-blooded calculation. Their choice is immediate and instinctive. They identify liberty with life. They prefer to fight for it even against impossible odds rather than accept an abject slavery tamely. Any other choice is "mentally and spiritually impossible."

But there is another answer too. The sacrifice of the Yugoslavs has not been in vain. Men and women the world over were inspired by the mere spectacle of the Yugoslav defiance — a defiance that was heartening and heroic in proportion to its very hopelessness. The world learned that the willingness of men and women to sacrifice their cities, their homes, life itself, for freedom from tyranny was not dead. The Yugoslav decision, as Mr. Fotich points out, helped us if only to gain time; it disorganised Hitler's schedule and his sources of supply. But long after these important material results have been forgotten, the

memory of Yugoslavia's heroic defiance will stir men's souls and steel their courage. It is because men have been willing to fight against tyranny and oppression and degrading acquiescence, even when their fight was hopeless, that liberty and honour have not perished from the earth.



DI-VESTED INTERESTS

Washington Opinion

By
Arthur Krock

Official temperature has risen in Washington from the low point reached when the German Army drive so quickly overwhelmed the Yugoslavs and Greece, and advanced to the Egyptian border while the German Navy sent thousands more tons of shipping to the bottom of the ocean.

It rose despite the announcement of the Soviet-Japanese treaty, and the greatest air raid ever carried out against London. The reasons for this partial recovery are several.

Since the British forces are still strongly opposing the Germans at the edge of Egypt, the fear that Suez would be gone by May was displaced by hope. Officials, consulting with their military experts, were braced by strong assertions that even if several such disasters occur in the Middle East they will have consumed time and materials indispensable to the Nazis and have contributed nothing to that victory in the Atlantic which is essential to winning the war.

Importance Of Morale

Perhaps the new hopes are no more justified than were the fears they displaced. But a matter of the most vital importance depends in part on whether the official Washington mind is hopeful or despairing, and that is why these registers of temperature should be set down as they occur.

The matter of vital importance is the administration of the policy of all-out aid to Great Britain. This has been successfully de-

veloped until the government is nearing a point where the hard decisions will have to be made. "Short of war," the pledge of the campaign, has been abandoned as a phrase. But it is still acting as a brake on policy because the Administration is not certain whether it would dare to take off the brake. Its disposition has been to defer facing that decision as long as possible and pretend there is no future by the simple process of refusing to admit plans for it.

Thus, though every detail of American naval escortage of supply ships has been worked out, the President dismissed every question on the subject and his responsible Congressional spokesmen continue to assert they never hear the subject mentioned in conferences at the White House. Again, though the decision for all-out aid meant a complete commitment to the cause of German defeat, the official attitude still is that the objective can and must be attained on a formula of reservations: no naval escorts, no fighting men, etc.

Into this atmosphere the President launched statements that the public is unaware of the gravity of the international situation, but that he trusts cracker-barrel debates, forums and the like to produce full awareness, because he believes in the intelligence of the people. It is not likely, however, that this realization will come so long as the government refrains from a clear, candid statement of the facts and continues to imply that wars can be won by half-measures.

Serious View

Public opinion cannot be expected to view the international situation so gravely as the President does if the government puts curbs on some economic groups and not on others. It is difficult to make people believe that their safety is in peril when their government attempts to keep commodity prices low by fiat while encouraging increases in the largest factor of commodity costs, which is wages.

A New Firmness?

But now that Washington has regained some of its poise, the events and necessities of the international situation may find the

government more resolute, more willing to accept the responsibilities of leadership and firm decision. When the lease-lend policy was adopted by Congress, these responsibilities were made inevitable, the only alternative being a reversal of that policy to purely domestic defence. Demands for this reversal have been coming more strongly since the Germans overran Libya. The dual victory theory is held by British military experts, some Germans and a great many Americans. It is based on the thesis that (1) with needed aid from this country, British sea-power can prevent German victory until overwhelming British air superiority over Germany is achieved; (2) that through this air superiority German industry can then be shattered, and the war will be over. Unlike politicians, these military experts do not guarantee that American belligerency will not be required—in addition to peak industrial production—to prove the theory. But they are certain it can be proved unless the German arms should bring about an unexpected debacle in 1941.

Some Events Discounted

The advocates of this theory accordingly discount the Soviet-Japanese pact and the effect of the rapid conquest of Yugoslavia. While the Yugoslavs crumbled much more quickly than surveys had led Washington to expect, the theorists say enough time was lost to Hitler to be somewhat serviceable to the British and enough Serb enmity was engendered to threaten the essential German supply of aluminium from the mines in the Danubian Alps.

As for the Moscow pact, Major Gen. John H. Russell, U.S.M.C., retired, writing in the "San Diego Union," says that the Japanese, observing the Battle of the Atlantic, have discovered that not fleet action, as previously, but engagements between small naval units decided the fate of supply lines. From Singapore, he says, the operation of this strategy could sever Japan's life-lines, and the Germans have demonstrated to the Japanese that this is true. Therefore, he concludes, Japan will not engage in any great southward adventure.

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AFTER RABBITS
OR PACIFIC
SHIPS?

A BROADCAST to the United States by Edwin Hartrich, NBC representative, from the KZRH studio in Manila, said that the British and Dutch navies had been ordered to catch Count Felix von Luckner, famed German sea raider during the world war, who, it was claimed, is commanding a fleet of 12 German raiders in the Pacific.

Hartrich said he obtained the story from a skipper of a commercial vessel plying between the Dutch East Indies and Manila who was actually operating under instructions from a European admiralty. The story has been known to him for four or five months, Hartrich added.

Hartrich arrived in Manila April 17 from Saigon after a tour of the Far East. He is American correspondent for the London "News-Chronicle," "Newsweek" and North American Newspaper Alliance. He plans to spend about a month in the Philippines, in anticipation of "big news" which he expects will break here in a few weeks.

The first report linking the name of von Luckner with the ship sinkings in the Pacific broke out of Hong Kong on January 3 and was carried by the Associated Press. It said that survivors of two Norwegian merchantmen, one of which was said to have been sunk and the other seized were responsible for the story about von Luckner.

The story was that the crew of a Nazi sea raider boarded a Norwegian ship in Sumatran waters after an exchange of fire in which nine Norwegians were killed. The raider, first mistaken for a peaceful merchantman, turned out to be the Glen Line ship Glengarry, a new ship with a speed of 22 knots, which was seized by the Germans at Copenhagen and sent to the south Pacific by devious routes. Von Luckner himself, so the story goes, addressed the survivors, saying he regretted he had to fire. Altogether he treated the survivors with every consideration.

Headed For Kobe

The raider then went to the Indian ocean. She approached another Norwegian ship with her rails lowered and used shells to sink the vessel. The survivors were taken aboard the raider as captives, and the ship headed for Kobe, Japan, where the prisoners were placed aboard the Nazi liner Scharnhorst. Subsequently a number of the Norwegians were released and repatriation to Norway was arranged by British and Norwegian consular agents.

About the same time British naval officials in London said the commander of the German raider operating in the south Pacific area probably was von Luckner.

Then on February 14, in a radiocast from New York, Lowell Thomas, noted news commentator, read excerpts of a letter from von Luckner purporting to show that the day the famed sea raider was reported tracking down helpless British merchantmen in the south Pacific, he was hunting rabbits in Germany. The letter was mailed at Halle, Germany, on January 1, the day before London dispatches reported him commanding a sea raider.

The letter said in part: "I spend most of the time hunting on the Great Harz forest and at Ingeborg. I am living in a log cabin. The snow is so high I am almost cut off from the outside world."

Anglo-Dutch Operations

Authoritative Batavia quarters said that the Dutch East Indies fleet was constantly cooperating with British fleet units against German sea raiders operating on the south Pacific.

The informants said there was no definite evidence that Count Felix von Luckner, famous German raider commander during the first world war, was again operating in the Pacific area as the commanding officer of a fleet of Nazi raiders. They added the Dutch fleet had no special orders to hunt for von Luckner.

An Australian who survived a

HE BOOKED
FIRST TOUR
AFTER WAR

Looking ahead to victory, an ardent tourist has lodged with a leading travel agency his booking for a seat on the first sight-seeing trip to Europe after the war.

It is the first application of the kind received by any of the principal travel agencies.

Even with the advent of peace, the man who wants to be the first after-the-war tourist in Europe will have to do some waiting.

"The position of after-the-war tourism will be more difficult than it was after the last war," said an official of the company which has received this first booking.

"Then there were neutral 'tourist companies' which were untouched by war. Now almost every country has known the destruction of war."

New Frontiers

"There will be a shortage of ships, and those which are available will be needed to repatriate the soldiers and refugees from abroad."

"Destruction by bombing of ports and railways presents great difficulties. It will take at least a year to put harbours and ports in a condition to receive ships."

"The question of new frontiers will have to be settled before tickets over various railway systems can be issued."

"I imagine that even after the war, when the big job will be the reconstruction of Britain, some of the present restrictions on taking money out will still be applied."

"Nevertheless, as soon as it can be done after the war we shall resume our normal travel services."

THE NEW COURAGE

Plea for a new form of courage—financial courage—so that the fighting Forces can be assured of the best war implements was made by Lord Mottistone, Chairman of the National Savings Committee, when he opened Ely (Cambridgeshire) War Weapons week.

If we were to finance the war successfully without enduring the evils of inflation, he said, the volume of savings must be considerably increased.

"I appeal to you frankly to double your effort. The nation stands united and resolute. Our achievements on the sea and in the air, and recently in the North and East Africa on the land, show that we have the power to strike great blows in the cause of freedom."

German raider attack at sea some time ago, said he thought the German commander was called Luckner.—Associated Press.

PLOT TO POISON
BRITISH
WOUNDED

At least two attempts have been made to poison blood donated in New York for British wounded, Captain Charles Skully, of the American Red Cross, revealed to a New York correspondent.

"In one attempt," said Captain Skully, "needles were inserted through the rubber caps and aluminium seals of a bottle of blood and poisonous matter injected. This outrage was discovered when the blood was examined before shipment to England."

"In another hospital, everything was ready for taking blood from volunteer donors when all the instruments were found to be contaminated with poison."

CITRINE
MUZZLED

Sir Walter Citrine, T.U.C. general secretary, has disclosed that he had refused to broadcast to North America because the censorship had forbidden something which he said was "in no sense secret or unknown to the enemy and was known throughout America."

When he returned from his mission to the trades unions and people of the United States the B.B.C. thought it desirable to provide facilities for him to broadcast to North America.

Among the things he wanted to tell his listeners was that he had seen convincing evidence of indiscriminate bombing since he got home.

The cutting out of what he wanted to say was not important. What was important and profoundly disturbing was the notion that seemed to prevail that responsible men could be dictated to as to what they felt able to say and that in any conflict of judgment the bureaucrat could muzzle the democrat.

BRIDE'S HOME
WRECKED

A soldier and his bride returned from a dance to find their new home wrecked.

That was one of the incidents of an air raid on a north-east town. There were a few casualties. One was fatal.

A girl of twenty-four, who arrived from London a few days ago to stay with her mother-in-law, died mainly from shock soon after the raid.

A boy of sixteen and a woman of seventy are among the injured. Poultry were killed by one of the bombs which fell on allotments.

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Gentlemen don't bathe in Cary Grant's backwoods, they simply dunk themselves in the nearest river! Small wonder, then, that Grant—portraying a frontiersman in Colonial days—should view with alarm his present situation. It's a scene from Frank Lloyd's "The Howards of Virginia," starring Grant and Martha Scott, coming to the King's Theatre on Friday.

CRAWLED IN 'PLANE FIRE TO SAVE PILOT

A BRITISH BOMBER lost height, crashed into a hillside, and burst into flames just after taking off with others for a night bombing mission to Italy. The captain of the 'plane extricated himself and saw three of his crew of four climbing out of the escape hatch.

He ordered them to run clear, then ran round the blazing wing in which full petrol tanks were burning, and crawled under it to rescue his injured second pilot.

Despite his own injuries—a cracked kneecap and severe contusions on the face and legs—he dragged and carried the pilot forty yards from the aircraft to a hole in the ground, where he lay on him just as the bombs exploded.

This gallant deed was performed in the dark under difficult conditions, and in the certain knowledge that the bombs and petrol tanks would explode.

The hero of this incident was Sergeant Raymond Mayhew Lewin. His name was in a list of R.A.F. awards.

He has been awarded the George Cross—second only to the V.C.

Brave Padre

Sergeant Lewin was born at Kettering, where his father lives. He was a chemist before enlisting in 1936 as a pilot under training.

The name of a padre also appears in the awards—the Rev. Stanley William Harrison, of Clare, Suffolk, who receives the George Medal.

An aircraft crashed and burst into flames about three miles from its aerodrome, and though it was not his duty to do so, Mr. Harrison boarded the ambulance going to the scene.

On arrival he plunged into the wreckage, and despite the scorching heat and exploding machine-gun bullets, dragged a member of the crew from the burning debris. He then supervised the work and led the fire-pickets himself, getting out a second man, and helping to remove a third.

Saved Trapped Man

The George Medal also goes to Flight-Lieutenant Donald Cecil Smythe, a Londoner, and Pilot-Officer Gerard Ryder, of Bicester, Oxon.

Smythe, Ryder and a sergeant were the crew of an aircraft which crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off. Smythe and Ryder managed to extricate themselves, but the sergeant was trapped in his cockpit.

In spite of the fire and exploding incendiaries, the two officers re-entered the plane and extricated the trapped airman. The George Medal has also been awarded to the following: Flying-Officer Kenneth Leopold Nobbs (R.A.F.V.R.), Leading Aircraftman David Nelson, 2nd Class Aircraft-

man William Joseph Whyte, and Pilot Officer John Tregonwell Davison, New Zealand Air Force. Davison's wireless operator, Sergeant Geoffrey William Brazier, has been awarded the Medal of the Military Division of the O.B.E. The O.B.E. (Military Division Medal) has also been awarded to Sergeant Alfred William Wood.

EQUALITY IN DEATH

Squire's son, labourer's son. . . They should have the same kind of memorial if they give their lives for their country.

This was the gist of remarks made by Mr. H. King, Chancellor of the Chester Diocese at Chester Consistory Court.

Mr. King adjourned an application made by Mr. S. B. Kerr, of Frodsham, who applied for a faculty to place a memorial tablet at Frodsham Church to commemorate his son, Flying-Officer Malcolm Kerr, who was killed over Dunkirk.

The Chancellor said:

"I think it is a sensible idea that the distinction in commemoration should be as slight as possible. For instance, you might have a squire's son killed by a bomb, and a labourer's son killed in the air. The labourer's father probably would not be able to afford a memorial, but the squire might. That points to a desirability of equality for the highest and the lowest in the matter of individual memorials."

Mr. Kerr agreed to consider the suggestion made by the Chancellor, and the matter will be dealt with at the next Consistory Court.

WIDOW'S £1,750 DAMAGES

Total agreed damages of £1,750 were awarded by Mr. Justice Cassels in the King's Bench Division to Mrs. Joan Kathleen Berry, who has a baby daughter, in respect of the death of her husband, Mr. William Andrew Berry,

HE SURE KNOWS US!

"The English will be regarded as the most valuable allies in the world as long as we may expect from their leaders and from the broad masses of the people that ruthlessness and toughness which is determined to carry through to a victorious end any fight which they have once begun."

Believe it or not—those words were written by Hitler in "Mein Kampf."

The Minister of Economic Warfare, quoting them at Shildon, Durham, declared that Adolf had written his death warrant.

SANDMAN HELPED VICTORIES

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

In the garage of a house on Shooter's Hill, London, S.E., a man played with sand.

He pored over the minute grains through a microscope, weighed them, raised miniature desert storms with them.

And this study helped to get the British Army to Bardia and Tobruk, Derna and Benghazi, at a speed which sent the Italian Empire rocking on its heels. When Ralph Alger Bagnold, retired major of Signals, experimented in his father's garage, his researches were at first on an unspectacular scale.

"But they became more elaborate," Colonel A. H. Bagnold told me. "My son began to carry out experiments with wind tunnels raising his own sandstorms."

"Gave Italians Hell"

"The stuff got all over the place and" — with a laugh — "I had to turn him out in the end. Thereafter his more ambitious experiments were conducted at South Kensington."

The story of Major Bagnold's achievements has now been disclosed by Sir George Sansom, visiting professor at Columbia University, New York, who said that Bagnold's "passionate interest" in sand was at least partly responsible for our North African triumphs.

But Major Bagnold played more than an academic part in the Libyan campaign. He commanded a select little party of officers who gave the Italians hell.

Setting out in specially equipped desert cars, the party made forays far into the desert, popping up at the gates of distant garrisons and driving the Italians out into the arid sands.

"My son's last trip before the war," said Colonel Bagnold, "was to the border of the Libyan desert and the Sudan; the objective a raised plateau on a range of mountains."

"This plateau, the Gils Kebbir, was supposed to be inaccessible, but my son and his companions made light of the task, got on top of it with a car, and ran all over the flat. On that remote plateau he found ancient footprints in the sandstone."

commercial traveller, of Denver Road, Dartford, Kent. He was a passenger in a car which was in collision with a lorry owned by Mr. Noel Douglas Thorne, of Mareschal Road, Guildford, against whom judgment with costs was entered.

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BRIDGE NOTES

TOO MUCH TRAPPING.

By The Four Aces

"Please settle this argument for us," writes F. R. S., of Hartford, Conn. "My partner and I have agreed that one of us belongs in the booby hatch — so think your answer over carefully.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South part score 60

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K 7 3

♠ 10 7 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 10
6 4

♠ A Q 8 6 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 9 5 4
♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"There are thirteen tricks in top cards, yet we didn't even explore possibilities! And here are the conditions:

"South maintains that he could not go past two spades for fear North had a really miserable hand. In that case, he might have trouble making even two spades, despite his four aces.

"North maintains that he was 'trapping' — underbidding his hand in the hope of luring the enemy into a defensive bid. Then he would pounce on them with a double. He admits that such bidding occasionally leads to less of a Slam, but contends that it pays dividends in the long run.

"There you are. Which of us needs a keeper?"

Tell North to sit calmly until the man in the white coat comes and takes him away. Trapping does pay big dividends but only if the opponents can conceivably bid. North's hand was far too strong for the opponents to have any likely bid, so he should have made a strong bid at his second turn. North was like the man who used the best bait in the world—but did his fishing in the bathtub!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	Schenken	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
2♦	3♠	Pass	3NT
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: It's a close point whether to pass or redouble. In this case, because you have been doubled by a very fine player, you pass; if the doubler were an average player you should redouble. You have more than enough value for your bids, and your partner's pass indicates a willingness to play at no-trump.

Score 100% for pass, 80% for redouble, 40% for five clubs, 20% for four clubs.

Question No. 709

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ J 7 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	(7)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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REPUTATION NOT HURT, SAYS JUDGE

Only the husband could have heard the slander, if it had been uttered, and it is difficult to see how the wife's reputation could have suffered."

Mr. Justice Tucker said this in the King's Bench Division when he dismissed, with costs, the slander action brought by Mrs. Belina Rosina Morris, costumer, against Cumberland Hotel, Limited, of Sherwood Street, London, W.

Mrs. Morris complained that when she was being visited by her husband at the hotel, words were used by the inquiry superintendent which suggested she was unchaste.

The Judge said that according to the version of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, the inquiry superintendent said, "This is a respectable hotel," and Mrs. Morris was told to pack her luggage and leave.

The inquiry superintendent, Mr. Britton, said he went to point out the hotel rule that when persons of opposite sexes visited each other in single bedrooms the door should be left ajar, and said that, if Mrs. Morris could not comply with it she had better leave.

He (the Judge) accepted Mr. Britton's version in preference to that of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

DESTINY DATE FOR BRIDES

(By A Special Correspondent.)

For four generations menfolk in the Storer family have taken brides whose birthdays fall on the same date.

The last Mr. Storer to marry is Henry—of Grayville Road, London, S.W. His wife's birthday is on the same date as the birthdays of his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

This choosing of brides born under the same star has been unintentional, though.

"It's just a coincidence," the eldest surviving Mr. Storer told me. "But there must be something lucky about it—we've all had the best wives you could wish for."

It certainly makes you think. When grandma died twelve years ago it was on grandpa's birthday. And when grandpa—Mr. James Storer—died recently, it was on grandma's birthday.

"We never really thought about it until my father died," Mr. W. J. Storer, who lives at Melody Road, London, S.W., told me. "It is an amazing coincidence."

REJECT WOMEN CHIEFS

Because two inspectors just appointed by a bus company are women, other employees threaten to strike.

Unless the Western National Omnibus Co. withdraw the women, say Taunton employees, work will cease.

Taunton men resent having women placed over them, and girl conductors take the same attitude.

"We would not mind men, but we object to girls being made inspectors who, until a few days ago, were conductors like ourselves," the women say.

The women inspectors are paid the same rates as men—a little over £3 a week without war bonus, which is above the wage of drivers.

"We have no complaints against the efficiency of the women; they are doing wonderful war work," said one of the men. "But men ought to have been given the jobs."

The bus company is owned by the railways and the N.U.R. is trying to settle the dispute.



(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)
You no longer are of the younger generation when you let a dose of spring fever get you down.

HE'S A WALKING BUREAU

Hands in pockets, eyes and mind on the alert, Mr. Murray, walking Y. M. C. A. information bureau, strolled up and down Waterloo Station in search of "lost" people.

For London is a new strange land to many soldiers, sailors and airmen.

"Can you tell me where I can leave my girl-friend when I go to see my wife?" asked a young north country soldier.

A slouching Scotsman slowly said: "My brother, Jock—I've not seen him for ten long years—asked me to meet him here at Waterloo Station to-night. I can't remember what he looks like, but I do know he will be wearing tartan trousers. Can ye help me to find him?"

An Australian sergeant, almost in tears, rushed up to Mr. Murray, panting breathlessly: "For four hours have I watched that so-and-so board to see what time a train was going to Southampton. Now I give up. Aren't there any damned trains going that way?"

He had been watching the arrival indicator.

Goes By Shape

But Mr. Murray does not always wait for the men to ask him questions. He keeps his eyes open for likely customers.

Several times he had noticed a lad studying the indicator. When the lad saw the friendly smile of Mr. Murray, he burst out, in nasal accent: "I want to go to Aldershot."

Together they searched the indicator. "There it is," said Mr. Murray. "In twenty minutes' time from platform—"

The lad grinned apologetically explained that he could neither read nor write. Then he added, with great pride, "But I can pick out 'Southampton' by the shape of the word."

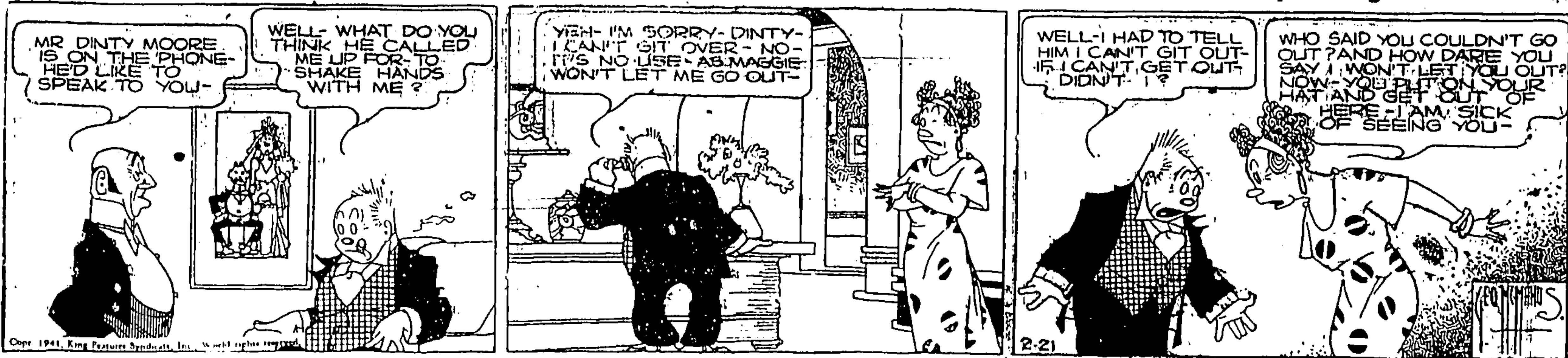
Springtime And Children's Health.

To many children, Spring is a time of difficulty. The change in weather conditions and the fickleness of the temperature affect them; they get off colour, fall victim to colds, and to stomach and bowel troubles.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus.



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Falling Hair In Spring

Don't be alarmed if your hair is falling out when you comb or brush it. Hair has a tendency to fall out during early or late spring, depending upon the individual's body mechanism, and new hair is most likely beginning to grow.

But it is this new hair which we must pamper and encourage. It starts to grow just when our vitality is likely to be at its lowest after months of winter weather and confinement. Perhaps our grandmothers realised this and so insisted upon giving or taking a "spring tonic" - concentrated nourishment for the blood which in turn would feed the hair and revitalise it.

The spring tonic idea is still a good one. You can ask your physician for the name of a well-balanced tonic or for the vitamin combination which you might now need. Get out into the fresh air and sunshine too - they help as much as any tonic you can take.

External Care

Both men and women should adopt a scalp care schedule and follow it faithfully for at least two months. Daily, or three times a week, application of a good scalp tonic. You can determine which tonic to use by examining your scalp. Is your hair dry or oily? Do you have dandruff? Is your hair falling more than it should? Buy the corrective preparation and use it. After applying it massage your head well with your fingers for at least five minutes. Then brush your hair from the roots out to the very ends.

Too frequent washing of the hair is not good. Try to go three weeks without a soap shampoo. Between shampoos you can clean your hair by stuffing your brush with cotton, or by using one of those good dry shampoos.

Very dry hair should be treated with hot oil the night before a shampoo or just previous to the shampoo. Some hairdressers scorn this old-fashioned remedy but



This unusually lovely coiffure was designed in the Elizabeth Arden Salon of New York. It's half hidden halo braid is chic and becoming.

other outstanding hairdressers say "oil, and more oil for dry hair or for hair that has been tinted or bleached."

If you want luxurious hair you cannot discount any step of the suggested treatment. Along with all that external care you should rest and eat well, keep your head covered when you are in strong

sun, occasionally change your part, have your hair trimmed every three months (especially if you have permanents), and have it set with very diluted lotion or with plain water.

You'll find that your hair will respond to good treatment and its latent beauty will blossom with the flowers of spring!

Vitamin G Necessary to Normal Hair Growth, Also to Skin Beauty



RITA HAYWORTH has luxuriant hair and skin texture, which all her friends envy. She gets sufficient Vitamin G!

I hope that those of you who have been following these vitamin articles realise that a balanced diet, which contains some of each known vitamin, is necessary to health and beauty. A deficiency in any one of these vitamins is bound to be revealed in one way or the other.

For instance a deficiency in Vitamin G causes digestive disturbances, lack of vigour, impaired growth, loss of hair, cataract, ulceration of the tongue, loss of weight. It is also said that sterility in male or female is partly caused by a deficiency of Vitamin G.

Vitamin G improves growth and is very important to children as it promotes health. It is found in these foods: spinach, cabbage, bananas, liver, kidney, prunes, ripe plantains, turnip, carrot, beet tops, dried peas, veal, beef, malted milk, eggs, buttermilk, yeast, asparagus, avocado pear, watercress, coconut and cauliflower.

So if you have any of the ailments listed at the beginning of this column you should eat more of the food listed directly above.

How Much Needed?

Dr. Casimir Funk, the vitamin man, tells us that an infant requires 750 grammes of Vitamin G each day. Adolescents require 1,000 grammes; adults, 1,000 grammes; and expectant mothers 1,500 grammes. Vitamin G is also known as Vitamin B₂, riboflavin and lactoflavin. It is a very important vitamin as you may judge. If your doctor tells you that you

are most deficient in this vitamin you may take it in concentrated form until you correct what ails you, then you should see that your daily menus supply you with the foods which contain it. Just to give you some idea of how much of these foods you should eat to get sufficient Vitamin G daily I shall quote Dr. Funk again: 4½ ounces of egg yolk supplies enough for a child daily. 8 ounces of prunes supplies enough for an adolescent. 12 ounces of beef supplies enough for an adult.

4 ounces of liver supplies enough for an expectant mother. Now let me hasten to caution you not to eat daily these suggested doses. No adult wants 12 ounces of beef every day. He should get his Vitamin G by eating a portion of several of the foods listed which contain Vitamin G - balance his menus. For instance one egg, five prunes, a slice of liver and a serving of cabbage and carrots will supply about what you need in a day. A child should have an egg, prunes or a banana and some vegetables.

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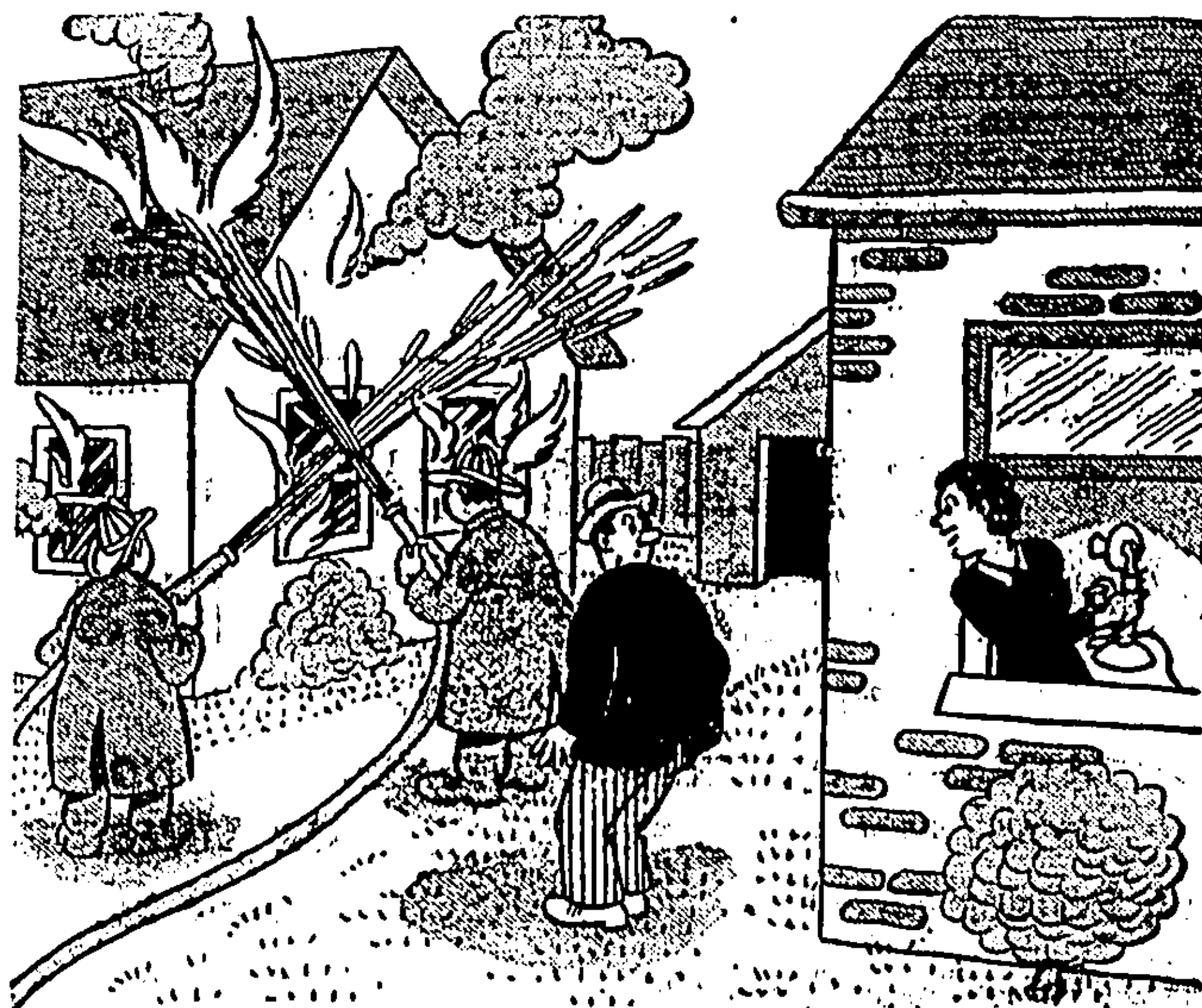
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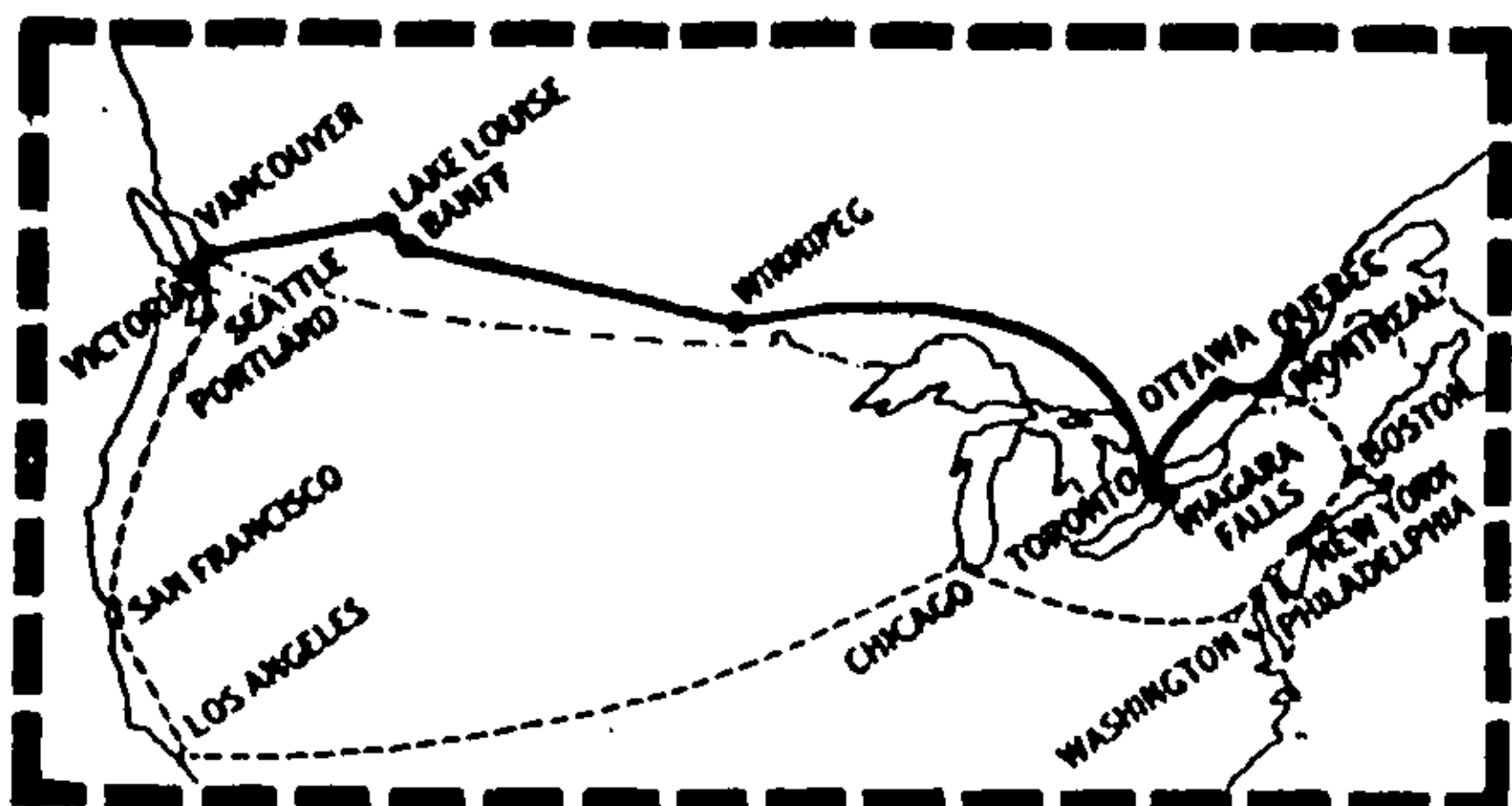
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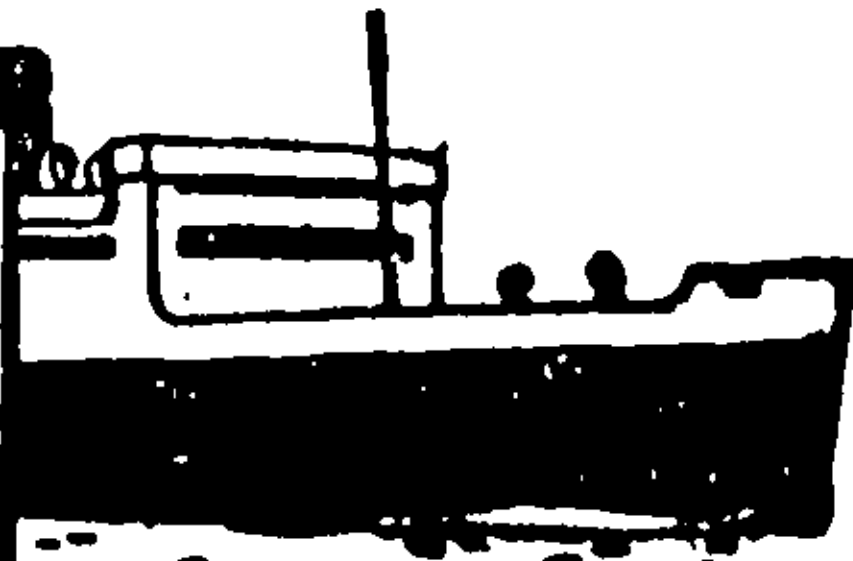
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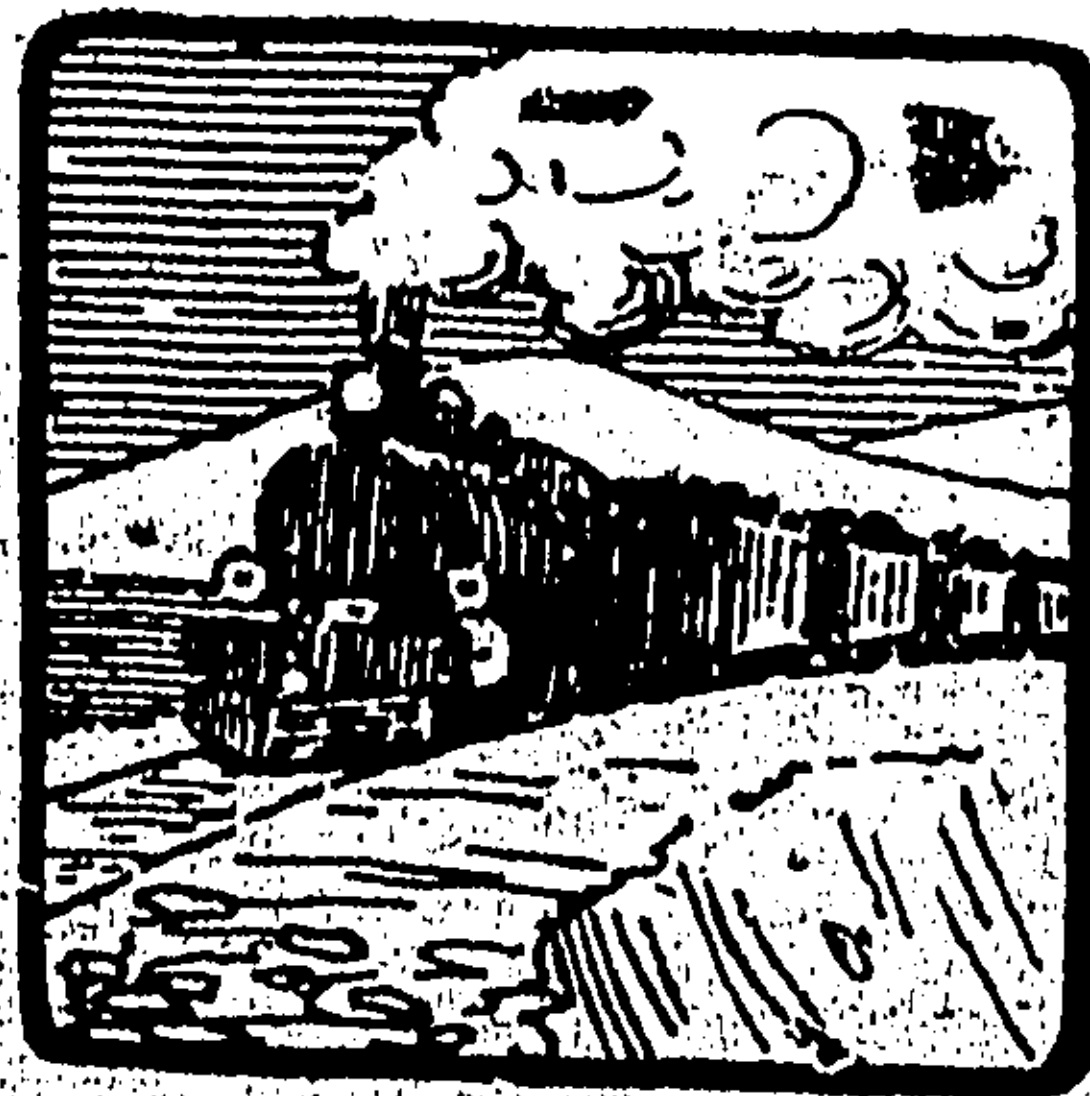
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The Shade of the Palm (from "Florodora"); Star of my Soul (from "The Geisha"); Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Portrait of a Toy Soldier (Ewing); March of the Toys (from Babes in Toyland); Foden's Motor Works Band. So we'll go no more a-roving (Byron & White); Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Piano. Am-parito Roca—Spanish March (Textidor); The Orchestra of H.M. Royal Marines.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please Teacher".
1.18 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.
L'Heure Exquise (Hahn); The Violin Song (from "Tina"); The Child and his Dancing Doll (Jonny Heykens); Spanish Serenade (Jonny Heykens); assisted by J. Byfield (Piano) and J. Sanehtini (Cello).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Chloe; Jam Session; And the Angels Sing; Rose of Washington Square; I'll Always be in love with you; Make Believe; One Sweet Letter from You; Scatterbrain; Can't You Tell?
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. Chu Chin Chow—Selection (Norton) Gaumont British Orchestra cond. by Louis Levy. "Monsieur Beaucaire"—English Maids; Red Rose; Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra. "Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutsam). The New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Veronique"—Trot here and there (Donkey Duet); Winnie Melville & Derek Oldham with Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—A Last Programme. Scherzo and March... Louis Kentner (Piano); Polohaise No. 2... State Opera Orchestra; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 9... Louis Kentner (Piano).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell. Suite for Strings—1st Mov.: Andante maestoso (quasi adagio)—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Tempo di Minuetto; 3rd Mov.: Andantino; 4th Mov.: Allegretto giocoso; 5th Mov.: Largo; 6th Mov.: Allegro... Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli. Passing By... The Kentucky Minstrels, soloist—John Duncan. The Fairy Queen—Three Dances—Hornpipe; Rondeau; Jig... The Jacques String Orchestra. Chaconne... Society of Ancient Instruments.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 6 Stevenson. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).
The Pearl Fishers (Bizet)—Cavatine de Lella; Comme autrefois dans la nuit sombre; C'est lui, mes yeux l'ont reconnu... with Orchestra. Serenade (Toselli—D'Amor)... with Piano and Cello.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—New Variety.
Vocal—Irish Washerwoman (Traditional); In the Mood (Andy Razaf-Joe Garland)... The Four King Sisters with Orchestra. Instr.—Alamo March; Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine—Waltz... Charles Kama & his Moana Hawaiians. Instr.—South (Charles & others); Don't Leave Me Now ("Slim" West—Jimmie Davis)... Two Guitars and A Bass with singing. Instr.—Maori Brown Eyes... Manny Klein's Hawaiians with Vocal Refrain. Vocal—How Come You Do Me Like You Do? (Gene Austin—Bergero); Smoke Gets in your Eyes (from "Roberta")... Dinah Shore with Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solos by Reginald Foort.
Reminiscences of Friml—Intro.: Indian Love Call; The Mounties; Chanson; The door of my dreams; Rose Marie; March of the Vagabonds; Only a Rose; L'amour toujours l'amour; Serenade, Lover, Come Back to Me; One Kiss (both from "New Moon"—Romberg). Seville (Haydn Wood)... with Orch.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Correspondence Column"—Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano) & Dorothy Lamour (Vocal). Blue Moon (Hart—Rodgers); You and the Night and the Music (from revue "Stop Press")... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. Panamiana (film "Swing High, Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday")... Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orchestra. I'm in love with the Honourable Mrs. So and So (film "Society Lawyer")... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano; I Got a Right to sing the Blues (Koehler—Allen); Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orch.
10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quick-Step—This Can't Be Love (film "Up and Doing"); Fox-Trot—When Night Is Through... Joe Loss and his Band. Rumba—Caramba; Pasadoble—Alfonso; Tejada and his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—You're a Lucky Guy; You're Just a No Account... Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Hon Voyage; Cheria; Walk—Love Never Grows Old... Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
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MAY EVICT SHELTER CROWDS

The Ministry of Home Security is considering seeking powers to turn people out of certain places where they ought not to congregate during an air raid, and which are not under the control of the local authority, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry stated in the House of Commons.

This was in reply to Captain Cunningham Reid, who complained that large numbers of people were still using big shelters in spite of the warnings given by Lord Horder's Committee.

"Last night," he said, "I saw hundreds of people scurrying into a shelter. An official told me they expected more than 5,000."

"This enormous shelter is under a railway goods yard—a military objective of the worst kind." At another well-known station in the Metropolitan area with an important junction close by, he added, more bombs had fallen than anywhere else in the district.

A few days ago a 1,500lb. bomb fell on that station. Under an arch 800 people were sheltering, and 220 became casualties, sixty-one being killed outright. If the recommendation of the Horder Committee had been carried out, those sixty-one people would have been alive.

SAD CRAZY GANG STAR JOKES ON

Clowning on the stage at a London music hall, comedian Charlie Naughton, of Crazy Gang fame, did not know that at his Sussex home a telegram had arrived with news that his son, John, serving with the Fleet Air Arm, was missing.

Not until he and Jimmy Gold returned to the country several days later did Naughton see the telegram.

"Heartbroken"

Now he and his wife are praying that their son, who is in his late twenties, may be safe.

"John joined the Fleet Air Arm about six months ago," a friend told the "Daily Mirror." "His parents did not know until later that he had joined."

"He is a wonderful boy, and his parents are heartbroken."

Charlie Naughton was on the stage at Bristol. Few people in the crowded audience knew that behind his laughing wise-cracks he hid a deep sorrow.

30 DO A TOWN'S ERRANDS

(By A Special Correspondent)

EVERY DAY a squad of thirty cyclists speeds out from a town to nearby factories. The cyclists are out to collect orders from the workers — orders for the butcher, the baker, the grocer.

For this is how a Middlesex town solves the shopping problems of wives who are working. Earlier closing of shops makes it difficult, often impossible, for workers to get their ration after the hard day's work is over.

10 WRENS LISTED KILLED

Fair-haired Vera Co-well craved adventure and dreamed of something more exciting than serving in a radio store at Ramsey, Isle of Man. So she joined the Wrens.

Now her name has appeared in a list of ten Wrens (Women's Royal Naval Service) killed in service.

The nine others were: Mrs. Rosa Armstrong, Miss Joyce M. Bennett, Miss Mona V. Black, Miss Winnie Blackett, Mrs. Nellie Gregory, Miss Beryl M. Northfield, Miss Hilda Pearson, Miss Norah K. Reynolds, and Miss Dorothy M. Wardell.

Eleven more are listed as wounded or injured.

Their names appear in an Admiralty list of 1,068 naval casualties. No details are given of how the casualties occurred, but they are not connected with any particular ship or incident.

Vera Co-well joined the Wrens soon after her eighteenth birthday. She looked smart, too, in the navy blue uniform.

She wrote telling her friend how happy she was. "I craved for adventure and I am sure getting it," she wrote.

Vera was stationed in the south of England at a place where air raids were frequent. One night a party of girls were at supper in their quarters when a bomb struck the building. Some of the occupants were killed outright.

Mother Is Proud

"I am proud to think that my daughter died in the service of her country," Mrs. Co-well told the "Daily Mirror." "Her father served in the last war and is doing his best as a coast watch-er this time."

Three Admirals are among thirty-nine naval officers killed.

So the Women's Voluntary Services looks after the job for them. They send out the flying-squad of cyclists, who jot down orders and collect ration books.

By the time the workers get back home, their vital shopping is done for them.

If the family's order is heavy, a voluntary service of cars delivers the goods to the house. It makes all the difference to a wife who comes in tired from a factory bench.

They Help Wardens

For instance, the W.V.S. has enlisted the aid of 600 wives whose household duties prevent them leaving their homes, but who wish to do something to help win the war.

The organiser of the local W.V.S. told the "Daily Mirror" "These women—there are two in every street—show a blue W.V.S. card in their windows and work in close cooperation with the air-raid wardens."

"They see that every household in the street has a bucket of water and a bag of sand on the doorstep. They find out where people sleep."

Do Soldiers' Mending

"After an air-raid, the wardens find them very useful in tracing any missing people and checking up on damage."

"The whole of this borough is air-raid conscious," she said proudly.

Should a house be bombed, an empty house or other suitable building is found and furnished by the W.V.S. for the victims. Clothes are provided for parents and children.

The W.V.S. also thought up a scheme for helping local troops. They do the soldiers' mending.

They are Rear-Admiral J. C. Hamilton, who joined the Navy in 1895 and retired in 1932; Rear-Admiral E. J. G. MacKinnon, previously reported missing; and Rear-Admiral I. B. B. Tower, D.S.C., who was killed in an air raid.

IDENTITY CARD RACKET

Scotland Yard are investigating the activities of a London gang who are engaged in a traffic in identity cards.

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By losing your identity card you are playing into the hands of this gang.

Five hundred thousand national registration cards have been lost since registration was introduced in October, 1939.

Many thousands are still unaccounted for.

No record is kept of missing cards, the "Daily Mirror" was told at the Ministry of Health.

"Is it not possible to check up the ownership of cards at railway stations or other big termini," the "Daily Mirror" asked the Ministry official.

"It might be," he replied. "The police or military ask for the cards where they have any suspicion."

"A number of prosecutions have taken place of people using cards not their own."

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Canucks Beaten In Pre-Season Tilt

BATTING HONOURS FOR TOMMY TOMASHEVSKY

By "Grandstand"

ROYAL ENGINEERS triumphed over the Canadians 5-3 in a friendly, pre-season baseball tilt at Caroline Hill last Saturday. It was a close game, featured by Engineer hurler Sarsfield's fine debut on the hill. Working for seven frames, Sarsfield whiffed one, passed four and scattered five hits, whilst "Wild Bill" Smith for the losers fanned four, walked six and doled out two safeties.

Canadians lost the toss and went in to bat first. Johnnie Fisher rapped out a stinging two-bagger and burgled the payoff station to chalk up the first counter for the Canucks.

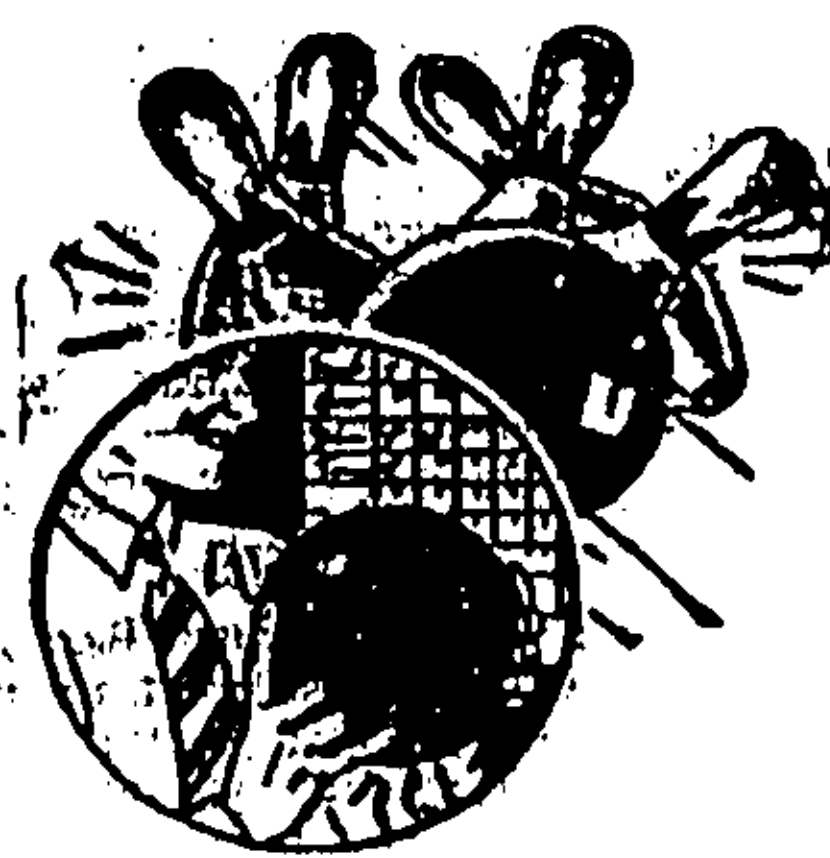
Gas Oliver drew a pass on the gravy train and pilfered second, but the scoring threat was snuffed with a brilliant double killing, when centre-fielder Ratcliffe clamped his hands on Bakar's towering fly, and relayed to second to erase Oliver, who had started for the home-plate with the crack of the bat.

The boys in khaki went into the lead as Shaw, Foley and Fox dented the station in their half of the chapter, on a measly single and two walks assisted by three miscues. With two gone in the second semester, keystoneer Wally "Sarge" Wellford booted Victor Lin's easy grounder for another Canadian marker to trickle over the plate.

Two Free Passes

In the third stanza, after Foley grounded and Fox had popped out, "Wild Bill" conceded two successive passes to put ducks in the pond, both runners eventually scoring on "Cyclone" Bakar's expensive bobble of Ratcliffe's roller. After Tomashevsky had poled out a triple in the fourth, the Olivernich crossed up a run-and-hit set-up as Bill Pullen and Blas popped out weakly. For the remainder of the game both sides dished out air-tight fielding, with the Canadians pushing over one more tally on two successive hits in the sixth.

Canuck keystoneer Tommy Tomashevsky was the big gun of the day, clouting two of his team's five blows, one of which was good for a three-bagger, the longest blow of the fray, whilst right gardener Cork ripped one through the infield for the Sappers in his only trip to the plate.



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SUGGESTIONS TO H.K.F.A.

Several suggestions were drawn up at the meeting of the Referee's Association at their meeting yesterday to be presented to the Football Association for consideration at the annual meeting.

The suggestions included an all-round increase in fees; travelling expenses; as the Navy and Army had no local handbook, the rules for Kowloon Cup matches be included the H.K.F.A. handbook; the Referees' Association should receive written information as to whether a referee was the sole judge whether a ground was fit for play; the grounds at Happy Valley should be marked off on the day of League games; official line-men should be provided where teams were running neck and neck for the championship; fees or medals be given in charity matches.

I consider that one of the most important things which it is necessary for a referee to possess, is a good sense of human nature and I am of the firm opinion that it is most necessary for every referee to make a study of human nature.

There are games in which it is necessary for the referee to find out, as quickly as possible, the temperaments of the majority of the players on the field, and when one realises there is only a maximum of 70 minutes, in most games in the Colony, in which this can be done, it is no mean task, especially when one must take into consideration the fact that every one of the 22 players may be "weighing up" the referee with an equally keen sense of human nature. In most games the referee has to do most of his summing up within the first 10 or 15 minutes.

To explain just what I am driving at; take the player who, on the spur of the moment, brings down his man in a way not allowed by the Book. Very often it is quite obvious, although it was intentional, there was no real badness in his tackle and, in these cases, I find as a general rule, a word of warning, when you are next near this player, all that is necessary. We should always remember that there are but few of us who have not done something much the same. In our playing days, without having the slightest ill-feelings towards our opponent, I find the same kind of warning is generally all that is required in the case of the chap who gets so keen as to be dangerous. His charges or tackles are not made with the intention of hurting his opponent, and a friendly word will often curb his keenness.

Players who commit such offences, are not, usually, much trouble to the referee.

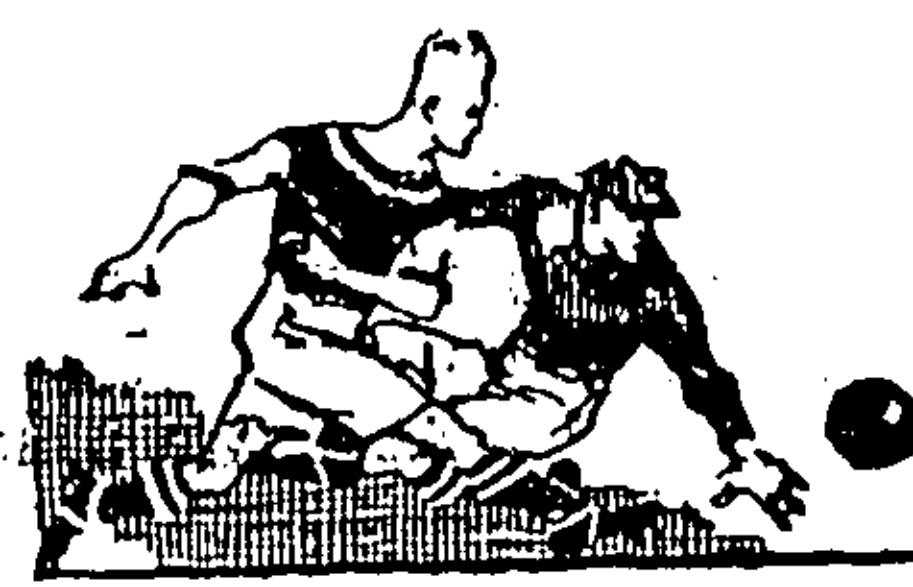
Then we get the player who cannot stand being beaten by a better man without having to show his resentment in no uncertain manner. In a case like this, I have found, it is very little use just giving a word of warning without stopping the game. The nature of the chap who cannot stand being beaten is not, as a rule, one who will take a friendly tip from the referee. Here, I most certainly consider it advisable, the referee should, on the very first occasion, be very definite in the way he informs the player that he has seen the offence, and there will not be another one allowed to happen without the offender being told to "GO!"

Injured Innocence

Now I must speak of the player whom I consider the most troublesome: the man with the permanent air of injured innocence: you must all have experienced such a player. Everytime he is robbed of the ball he has been fouled, and should a foul be given against him, out go his arms in an appeal to his fellow players and spectators. If he handles the ball, and you award a free kick against him, he can always show you the mark on his forehead where the ball hit him; despite the fact that he is still rubbing his wrist or arm! As for being "off-side" well, he never has less than three opponents in front of him or was at least five yards behind the ball when it was last played. I really consider this type of WHINING player is very difficult to deal with, and very often it is necessary for the referee to put up with quite a lot before he has a definite case of ungentlemanly conduct.

Now for a word about the player who tries to bluff the referee into giving something for nothing. How often have you said to yourself, "Was he tripped?" "Is he really hurt?" and you have to make your mind up in a fraction of a second. It is certainly possible, especially in the case of injury, for a player to bluff you the first time, as to the degree of injury, but if a close watch is kept on the quick way in which he recovers, well, do not let him bluff you a second time!

I have often asked myself the question, "Is it human nature for a player to be loyal to his team and the referee?" All players expect—and quite rightly, too—the referee to be unbiased



ed; in other words equally loyal to both teams. But how often do you find that a player is often very pleased if he can handle the ball without being seen and will even boast to his fellow players, in the dressing room or bus, of what he has "got away with" during the game.

Referees Must Be Fit

These incidents are, of course, more likely to happen in junior matches in the Colony, where the referee is on his own, which only goes to emphasise the fact that the referee must make a special effort towards keeping himself fit for junior games owing to the necessity for his closer contact with the play than is really the case in the Senior Shield and League games or Representative matches, where he has the assistance of two other qualified referees.

In conclusion, I would like to refer to incidents which happen, which make it difficult to act against human nature. Take the case of a goal-kick, after a scramble on the goal line, and an appeal is made for a corner and a defending player tells you the ball came off his foot before going out of play. Now it is only human nature to admire that player for his honesty and act upon his word BUT it is also very essential to bear in mind how this might react. Let us suppose a goal is awarded later in the same match against this defending player's side and the same player comes up and tells the referee that the scorer of the goal handled the ball before scoring. If you HAD acted on his version of the corner incident, by changing your decision, isn't it only logical for the man to expect you to take his word and act on it when it is to the advantage of his own side? The moral is, I am sure, obvious, to all—"make your own decisions and stick to them."

Tribute To Mr. Minihan

I wish to take this opportunity of saying a few words on Mr. Minihan's departure from the Colony. It came as a great shock to me and I know it will to you all, when I learnt of his leaving. His splendid work on our committee and as Hon. Secretary of Army Referees' Committee, Hong Kong, is well known and has earned him respect of all workers and followers of soccer here.

During his sojourn here, he had one object in view, the betterment of the game both from the referees' and administration point of view.

No one realises more than I do how he will be missed by this Association and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his loyal support to me since I have occupied the chair, and on behalf of this Association, I wish him the very best of luck in the future and continued success in the soccer world.

The Navy's Share

Mr. Glover, Hon. Sec., R.N.R.M. Referees' Association, said:—

There is little I can add to our Chairman's remarks about our esteemed colleague excepting that it came also as a great blow to me because by this I lose a personal friend and the R.A. a valuable member.

We have agreed and disagreed times out of number but at all times have I been struck by his untiring and unselfish work for the R.A., and the betterment of the game in Hong Kong.

He has just lately planted seeds, the fruit of which will no doubt benefit the referees and our Association in general and I only regret he will not be here to see them bear that fruit. On behalf of the Navy Association I wish him good luck.

H.K.C.C. TOURNEY

In the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Handicap Doubles semi-final match played yesterday C. H. R. Oxley and A. H. Barwell (2-1) beat R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (2-3/6), 6-3, 6-1. The winners now meet T. C. Moriaghan and T. J. Gould in the final.

TODAY'S SOCCER

South China will meet Royal Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. to-day in a friendly soccer game.

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. tennis Committee held on Monday it was decided to hold the Y.M.C.A. Member's Singles handicap championship for the Weill Cup during May and June. Entries close on May 14. Entry lists are given at Y.M.C.A.

EASTERN GIVEN PERMISSION

At a special meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association, Eastern were given permission to tour Australia.

The team will leave some time this week and will include a number of Sing Tao players. The first game will be played at Sydney on May 30. In all 17 games have been arranged to be played.

Following are the players making the tour.

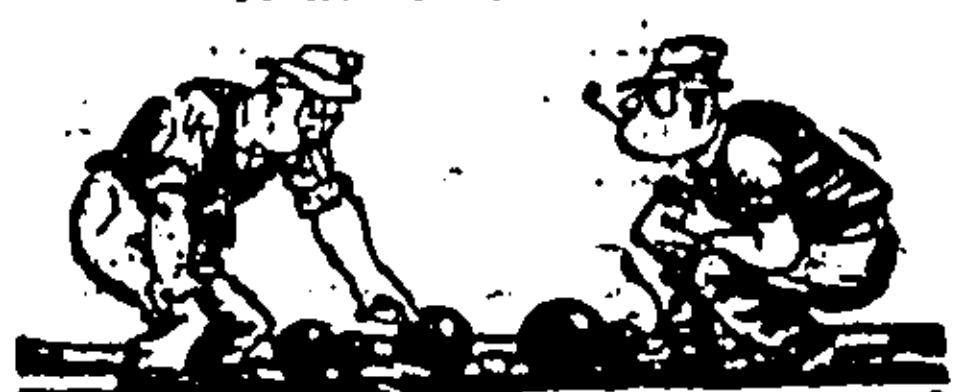
Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao).

Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern).
Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao).
Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao).
Y. S. Yeng (Eastern).

Scong Ling-sing (Sing Tao).
Kwok Yung-kce (Sing Tao).
Chui Ah-fai (Sing Tao).
Kui Wing-fuk (Eastern).
Leung Wing-chui (Sing Tao).

Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao).
Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao).
Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao).
Chang Kum-hoi (Eastern).
Hui Man-fui (Eastern).

Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao).
Hau Ching-to (Eastern).
C. T. Tsao (Eastern).
Ip Pak-wah (Sing Tao).
Manager:—Mr. Chen Fok-yu.
Hon. Secretaries:—Mr. Wellington Woo and Sul Tim-ling.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

RECREIO

First Division "A" (v K.C.C., Away)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).
F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" (v R.C.C., Home)
H. R. Pinna, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).
F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, Eddie Sousa and Bebe Basto (Skip).

A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip).
Second Division (v K.T.G.A., Away)
E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, A. V. Barros and C. P. Remedios (Skip).

G. A. Ribeiro, N. Beltrao, Fred A. Xavier and J. B. Soares (Skip).
L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios and J. A. Remedios (Skip).

Third Division (v Polioa R.C., Home)
G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, F. J. A. Marques and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).
Pat d'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

A. A. Lopes, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).
H.K.E.R.C.
W. Macfarlane, B. E. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Borne (Skip).

R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip).
A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler and C. E. Gahagan (Skip).

CINEMA CLUB

Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Cinema Club are asked to note that the meeting originally arranged for to-day has been postponed until Monday, May 19, when a programme of films, depicting war scenes, and some comedy reels will be presented. The meeting, which will be held in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., will open at 7 p.m. Members and their friends are invited to attend.

V.R.C. MEETING

The annual meeting of Victoria Recreation Club will be held in the clubhouse at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

£500,000 GOES TO THE DOGS EACH WEEK IN ENGLAND

MORE THAN £500,000 is being gambled on the dogs in this rough old island week by week, writes Paul Irwin in the "Sunday Express."

I am not rushing in to condemn such big-scale betting even if there is a war on. Far from it. If you say that £500,000 would buy a lot of Savings Certificates, I answer that it would buy half a million pounds' worth. No more, no less.

All I do here is to pinpoint the great greyhound mystery for mystery it is. Facts and figures from all over the country show that the average dog follower's betting budget is around the £3 a week mark.

Ponder that fact. Money is tight. We are taxed to the eyebrows. Prices are soaring. We are asked to lend to win this war. And yet, on average, the dog fan gambles £3 a week.

The Figure

How do I get that figure? Here's the way of it. Working on tote returns and the volume of betting with the bookmakers, I estimate that twenty tracks in and around London give £230,000-£250,000.

The total attendance figures each week are about 80,000. So a little simple arithmetic soon shows that the £3 average stands so far as the London area is concerned.

Now there are fifty odd tracks, including those outside the National Greyhound Racing Club, in the provinces. Many do business every bit as good as the Londoners.

Liverpool way, I am told, £5,000 passed through the tote machines—this when the crowd was about 2,000. And another northern track recently showed £9,584 in tote wagers from a 5,000 crowd.

So it goes on. Newcastle has four tracks. The most popular, it is estimated does between £5,000 and £6,000 business weekly.

In London

Now switch back to London. Last December a couple of tracks—one in the north, the other in the south—pulled in more than £40,000 on the tote between them.

The rush to the windows for 2s. tickets was so brisk at one stad-

ium that the staff was overwhelmed. When race intervals were increased, 4,000 more tickets were sold on the next event.

Now I don't need to tell you that there is nothing so timid as £40,000. I hope, too, that I don't really have to explain that when you bet on the tote the money is not sunk for all the gamblers all the time.

As a fact the tote offers a fall-bet, as fair as you'll get anywhere. With the exception of six per cent, kept by the tracks for overheads and their slice of profit, the public get back all the cash—the winners get it, anyhow. "Really, there is precious little won or lost by the greyhound racing regular," said a London track official. "Mind you, I'm talking about the man or woman who plays the tote."

"I'll be frank. Figures show that over a period, say a season, the average any one wins or loses is about 1s. 6d. It may not seem that way if they have a run of luck, good or bad, but that's how we work it out."

"Relaxation"

"They can't win in the end? Well there's always that six per cent, which we keep. That never goes back. Yet, taking it all the way round, we give real relaxation—the thrill of a gamble—at a cost comparing pretty favourably with the cinemas or soccer. And don't forget this. You'll never stop the Englishman having a flutter on a horse or a dog."

Who are these gamblers? War workers (with a bit of extra cash), men in the Services, Civil Defence workers—"the old gang in uniforms."

Even the Army believes the Tommy is better off for a mild gamble. Anyhow, one brigadier arranged a dog meeting, stumping up twenty-five guineas for a cup and getting private owners to lend their greyhounds.

Now for something about the lean, clean-lined dogs that go to make up the animated roulette they call greyhound racing. The National Greyhound Racing Club have about 6,000 animals register-

Tsui Yan-pui Favoured For First Singles Title

Recent Impressive Form

BILLIARDS

RECREIO BEAT K.C.C.

Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club played a return billiards and snooker match at K.C.C. last night, the visitors winning by seven games to one.

Results, K.C.C. players being mentioned first:

Billiards—J. H. S. Duncan lost to E. M. Soares, 116-200 (Soares's best break 37); E. C. Curtis beat C. Cunha, 150-110; F. R. Zimmer lost to J. O. Remedios, 198-200; A. H. Martin lost to P. A. Yanovitch, 72-150.

Snooker—J. R. Luke lost to J. E. Noronha, 60-104 (Noronha's best break 17); T. W. Carr lost to A. A. Noronha, 62-131 (Noronha's best break 22); A. Bone lost to J. C. Remedios, 46-163; R. J. Fenton lost to C. F. Rozario, 90-93.

ed with them to-day. It used to be more, many more, before the war.

What It Costs

The cost to kennel a dog at the top-class tracks is anything between 15s. and £1. For that the greyhound is trained graded for races, given his eats—"Nothing that's fit for human consumption," I am assured—and the chance to win some money for his boss.

Fifteen shillings a week to keep a dog! Why, it only costs 8s. 6d. to house and feed a child evacuee over the same span of time. Why this? Maybe the answer is that no child evacuee ever yet ran fast enough to win the Derby.

Think it over.

SERVICE MAY DECIDE ISSUE

By "Adrem"

THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS FINAL OF 1939 WILL BE RE-ENACTED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN TSUI WAI-PUI, WHO WON THE TITLE ON THAT OCCASION, WILL MEET HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, YAN-PUI, ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

It is the opinion of many followers of the game that the previous result will be reversed this afternoon and Tsui Yan-pui will win his first crown.

On the form shown by the two men in their recent matches, this is by no means improbable but I cannot believe that Wai-pui's form against Sirdar Rumjahn can be anything like his true form—it was too bad to be true in fact.

Much had been made of that semi-final and I am certain that Tsui was over-anxious and therefore cramped in all his strokes. Against his brother this factor should not again arise and I shall be surprised if he does not show vast improvement.

Following is to-day's programme:—

OPEN SINGLES

Final

Tsui Wai-pui v Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15.2) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (—15.2) (8).

Only one match in the "B" Division Army Tennis League was played at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Scots defeated Royal Army Pay Corps by three points to nil.

The match between Middlesex and 38th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, was cancelled owing to the downpour of rain at 5 p.m. Following are the detailed scores:

Sgt. Elsley and L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Norrell and Cpl. Ingleby, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

L/Cpl. Downing and Bdm. Dribble (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Luckhurst and L/Sgt. Luckhurst and L/Sgt. Chalcraft 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

Cpl. Ogden and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.) beat Sgt. Reed and Pte. Pendergast, 6-3, 6-0, 7-5.



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U.S. "WAR" CABINET MEETS

Heads Of Army, Navy And Air Force Attend

Discuss Acceleration Of Production

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday called in the chief members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Army and Navy for a discussion on the question of acceleration of production of bombers.

The conference was attended by Mr. Cordell Hull, Col. Henry Stimson, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Col. Frank Knox, Mr. Harry Hopkins (supervisor of the Lease and Lend Act), General George Marshall (Army Chief of Staff), Admiral Stark (Chief of Naval Operations) and Major-General Arnold (Chief of the Army Air Corps).

One of the chief purposes of the conference was to consider the need for a fast output of heavy bombers.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REPORTED TO HOPE FOR AN OUTPUT OF 500 A MONTH.

According to White House officials, the conference would provide an opportunity for Major-General Arnold, who has just returned from Britain, to make a complete report to what some quarters call the "War Cabinet."

In the meantime President Roosevelt has appointed Major-General James Burns, who is a member of the executive committee of the Army and Navy Board, as assistant to Mr. Harry Hopkins to handle detailed work under the aid for Britain programme. — Reuter.

Letter To Col. Stimson Made Public

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt has made public a letter he wrote to Secretary of War Stimson and other defence heads directing them to concentrate on the production of heavy bombers.

The President said: "Command of the air by the Democracies must and can be achieved."

He announced that an all-time high of 1,427 planes of all types were produced in the U.S. in April, giving rise to hopes that the goal of 2,500 a month, or 30,000 a year, will be reached by September.

The step-up in production is believed to have influenced President Roosevelt to urge even greater speed on bombers. — International News Service.

MR. STIMSON URGES USE OF AMERICAN NAVY

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soon be the recognised system of the whole world.

"All at once it has been dashed aside and trampled on by these Nazi rulers who are proposing to establish a world order in which they shall be masters, the people of all other nations their slaves."

"They have left no such thing as the individual rights of liberty within their territory, or international rights of independence without their territory. Both domestic and international law have gone down under their blows."

Rule Of Gestapo

"For the rule of law they have substituted the rule of the gestapo secret police under whose malign terrorism no vestige of personal freedom is safe."

"THIS IS THE SO-CALLED NEW ORDER WE FACE TO-DAY."

"It has openly announced its hostility to us and our order. It has been steadily encircling our western world."

"Its advance agents are already busy in the Republics to the south of us, building strategic air lines through vital positions on that continent and creeping up towards our Panama Canal."

"Its armed forces are threatening West Africa, looking towards a lumping off place within easy reach of the Brazilian coast."

"ITS PROPAGANDISTS ARE ALREADY VIGOROUSLY ACTIVE IN OUR OWN POPULATION."

Uncommon Skill

"Hitler and his military associates have seized their opportunities with uncommon skill. They have used their power to inculcate into the plastic minds of a generation of youth the abhorrent reactionary doctrines of other men."

"They have taken advantage of modern science to develop in secret, while other nations slept, a mechanised striking force of unprecedented power."

"They have used every method of duplicity and propaganda to surprise their victim nations with sudden attack."

"They now arrogantly confront the world including ourselves, with the alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising forceful resistance."

Naval Assistance

Mr. Stimson, describing his suggestion of full American naval assistance to Britain, said "For many years we have been building and maintaining our Navy."

"On the day that Navy should make secure the seas for delivery of our munitions to Great Britain, it will render as great a service to our own country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has rendered in all its glorious history."

"Supplementing the efforts of the British Navy, it can render secure all oceans, north, south, west and east, which surround our continent."

"In that way it can help to check the rush of the tide of Nazism until the other defence forces of all the Democracies are completed."

"This would eventually and permanently confine the force of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again." — Reuter.

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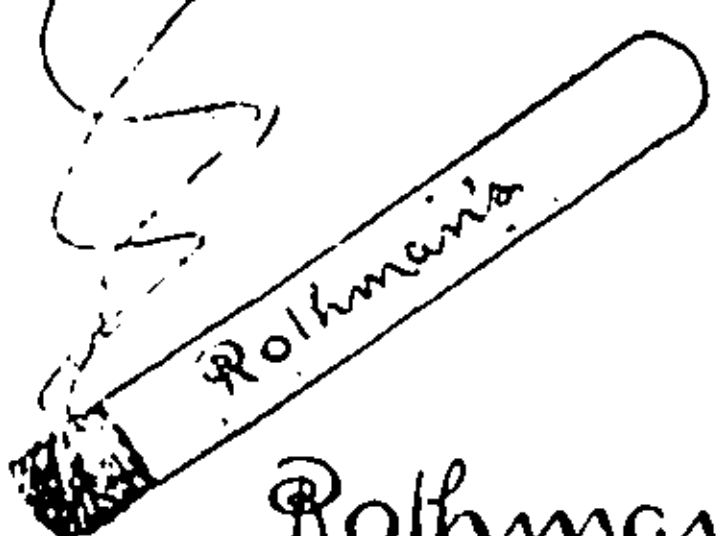
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MR. STIMSON URGES USE OF AMERICAN NAVY Strategic Moment For Guaranteeing Security Of Seas

IMMEDIATE USE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, "TO MAKE THE SEAS SECURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF MUNITIONS TO BRITAIN," WAS URGED BY MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR, IN A BROADCAST SPEECH TO THE NATION LAST NIGHT.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned towards the defence of our nation's safety," he declared.

At the outset, Mr. Stimson answered some critics who to-day were calling him war-monger and who opposed America's present efforts at national defence.

"The fact is that for many years after the Great War, both as a private citizen and as Secretary of State, I laboured with my full strength for the establishment of the reign of law among nations, under which their controversies should be settled by judicial methods instead of by force.

"There was a time when such a movement seemed full of hope. To-day that time has passed — temporarily, we trust — and our hopes of peace have been dashed by international aggression.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned towards defence of our nation's safety.

"For that reason to-night I am speaking of that crisis and of our defence in meeting it.

Hitler's Ambition

"In 1933 a group of men under the leadership of Adolf Hitler obtained possession of the Government in Germany and overthrew the German Republic.

"Both within and without Germany they have set back the clock time more than five centuries. They have embarked on a scheme of conquest which is avowedly intended to be worldwide.

"For that purpose they have built up in secret an immense military machine based on the forced labour of Germany.

Destroying Civilisation

"They have already attacked, conquered or occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, and have reduced the people of these 13 countries to serfdom, semi-slavery and Nazi despotism.

"They have attacked to their Axis as vassals two other nations dominated by the same purpose of military conquest — Italy, guilty of unprovoked attacks upon Ethiopia, Albania and Greece, and Japan, guilty of a similar attack upon her neighbour.

"By this conquest they have destroyed western civilisation, which had been slowly building

Freedom Dashed Aside

"We are so close to these sudden happenings that we can hardly yet realise the havoc which has thus been wrought both within and without the national boundaries of that unhappy continent.

"The growth of freedom has been so long and so steady that we had come to believe it would soon be the recognised system of the whole world.

"All at once it has been dashed aside and trampled on by these Nazi rulers who are proposing to establish a world order in which they shall be masters, the people of all other nations their slaves.

"They have left no such thing as the individual rights of liberty within their territory, or international rights of independence without their territory.

Both domestic and international law have gone down under their blows.

Rule Of Gestapo

"For the rule of law they have substituted the rule of the gestapo secret police under whose malign terrorism no vestige of personal freedom is safe.

"THIS IS THE SO-CALLED NEW ORDER WE FACE TO-DAY.

"It has openly announced its hostility to us and our order. It has been steadily encircling our western world.

"Its advance agents are already busy in the Republics to the south of us, building strategic air lines through vital positions on that continent and creeping up towards our Panama Canal.

"Its armed forces are threatening West Africa, looking towards a jumping-off place within easy reach of the Brazilian coast.

"ITS PROPAGANDISTS ARE A L R E A D Y VIGOROUSLY ACTIVE IN OUR OWN POPULATION.

Uncommon Skill

"Hitler and his military associates have seized their opportunities with uncommon skill.

They have used their power to inculcate into the plastic minds of a generation of youth the abhorrent reactionary doctrines of other men.

"They have taken advantage of modern science to develop in secret, while other nations slept, a mechanised striking force of unprecedented power.

"They have used every method of duplicity and propaganda to surprise their victim nations with sudden attack.

"They now arrogantly confront the world, including ourselves, with the alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising forceful resistance.

America's Policy

"I cannot recall that the United States throughout its history — even when it was small and weak — has yielded to such a demand. — Let us see whether there is any need to change our policy now.

"In the first place, this so-called new order of Hitler's is not new; and it has not and never will create order in this world.

"Hitler's regime of brutal lawlessness is merely one of those temporary reactions which have occurred at intervals during all man's long history of progress upward.

"Since his origin, millions of years ago, ambitious men many times have attempted a worldwide conquest over the liberties of their fellow-men.

Caught Napping

"But they have never permanently succeeded and they never will.

"Hitler has taken advantage of the discontent of the troubled post-war period to impose his rule upon a docile-minded nation which has more than once temporarily yielded its love of liberty to the efficiency of the autocrat.

"His rise has been facilitated by many an accident which might easily have been prevented. Many an unwary sentinel of liberty has been caught napping at vital moments.

"But, as has always happened before, the progress of man along the path to freedom will be taken up again and carried forward with a new spirit and with fresh knowledge, acquired by unhappy experiences of the past.

"TO BE FRIGHTENED INTO THE BELIEF THAT HITLER HAS CREATED A NEW AND PERMANENT WORLD ORDER (Continued on Page 18.)

GREEK SUBMARINES AT ALEXANDRIA

Greece's submarines have sailed to Alexandria where they have joined the British Fleet, declares an official statement on the fate of the Greek Fleet issued in Canea (Crete) yesterday.

Of 10 destroyers, three were sunk. Two of 13 torpedo boats succeeded in reaching Alexandria. — Reuter.

STALIN BECOMES PREMIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stalin yesterday assumed the Premiership of the Soviet, his first high post in the Government proper.

Molotov has been demoted to Vice-Premier but will retain the post of Foreign Commissar.

A Moscow radio announcement said Molotov was relieved of his post "in accordance with his repeated requests."

IMPLICATIONS OF THE MOVE ARE NOT CLEAR. STALIN GETS THE TITULAR POWER HE HAS ALWAYS ACTUALLY HELD. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

KOWLOON BARRACKS EXPLOSION

Three Chinese workers were killed outright yesterday when a dynamite container suddenly exploded in Whitfield Barracks.

The men, Wong Cheung, 32, Lau Fong, 28, and Chung Yung, 18, were working in the West

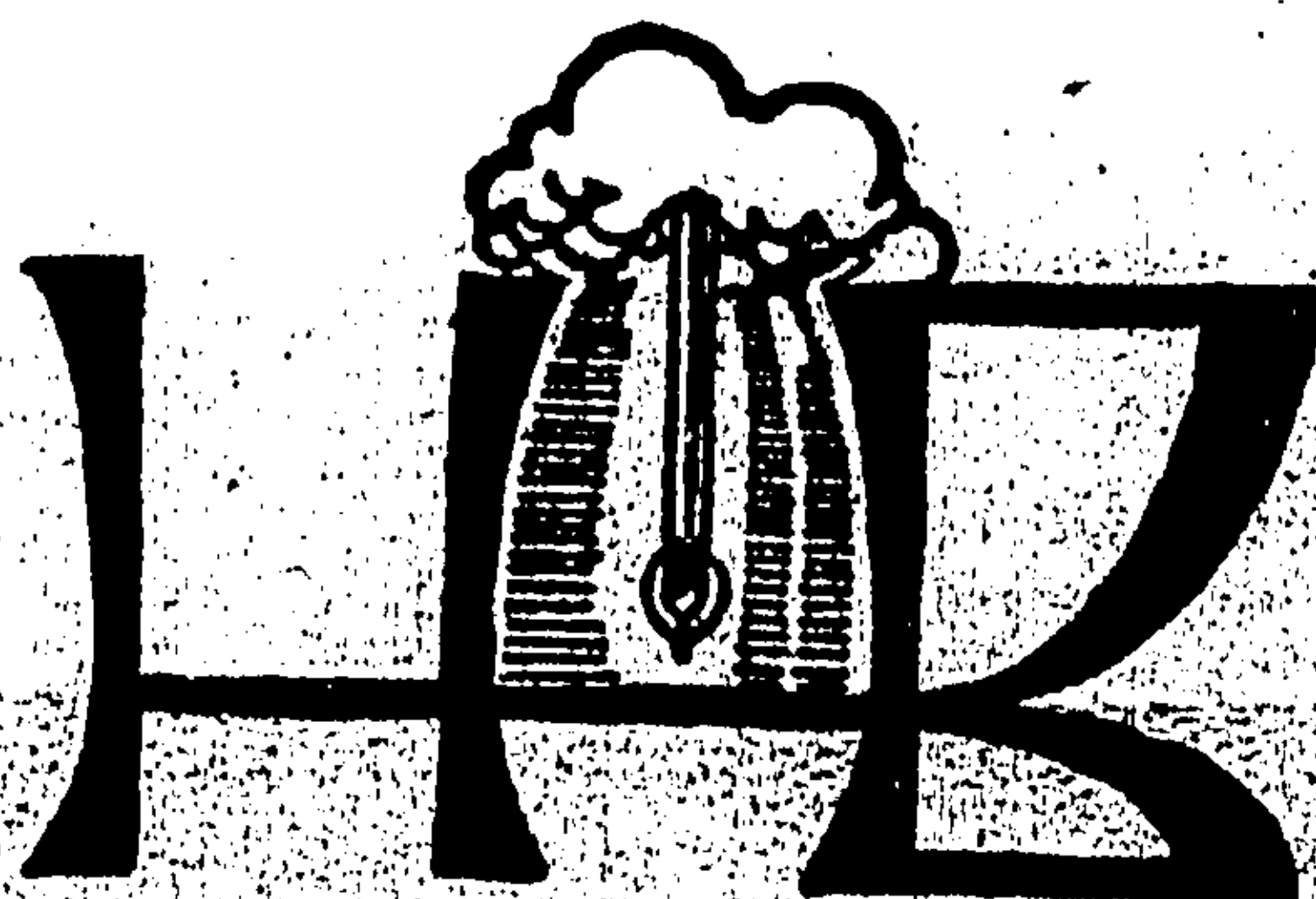
Fort in Whitfield Barracks, filling containers with dynamite when the accident occurred.

They were the only persons in the West Fort, and no witnesses are available to supply a clue to the cause of the accident.

The entire district, Canton Road, Haiphong Road and Austin Road felt the blast of the explosion.

The men were formerly employed as fitters on the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway but were recently seconded for service with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

WAR DEBATE OPENS IN COMMONS

Mr. Eden's Review Of Developments In Middle East

Fatal Attitude Of Earlier Yugoslav Government

OPENING THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POINTED TO HIS DIFFICULTY IN GIVING THE COMMONS A FULL ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR RELATION TO HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"We are not alone," he said. "Others are listening to every word that is said in these debates and there is much I would like to tell which, perforce, I am unable to tell at the present time, for I have so to phrase my remarks that I do not assist the enemy in any way in his activities."

Recalling the early days of February, Mr. Eden said: "What then seemed to the Government to be a German plan for an early Spring campaign was looming.

They had then already a large number of troops in Rumania, taking positions at Bulgarian aerodromes, and it seemed clear to us that the object of all this was, step by step, to overrun the Balkans, having occupied Rumania by methods we know of, to establish themselves in Bulgaria, thereby to encircle Yugoslavia, to subjugate Greece, to immobilise Turkey, and from that position, without firing a single shot, to deliver their main blow from secure bases at our position in the eastern Mediterranean.

"There is no doubt the subsidiary purposes in this plan was to bring help to their Italian allies, whose war was not going too well in Albania.

"Hitler has described to us how well the Italians did. A nation of 45 millions weakening against seven millions!

"I do not suppose ever a more insulting tribute has been paid to any ally. (Hear, hear).

"As we watched that Greek campaign in Albania, supported by our own air force, but against an extremely heavy attack by men and materials, one must have thought that never was so much surrendered by so many to so few. (Laughter and cheers).

"Now I come to February 8, which was the date our forces entered Benghazi—a brilliant exploit which brought valuable gain.

Rest And Refit

"But with the supreme effort entailed by that advance, the armoured troops who had so large a share in it had to rest and refit.

Their vehicles had not only been engaged in a continuous advance for two months but many of them had been engaged in action for a much longer time, with hardly a rest.

"So there was no prospect of prolonging the advance with those armoured vehicles beyond the point reached at Benghazi, and any prolonged advance by these formations to Tripoli was out of the question.

Greek Note

"On February 8 there reached the British Government a Note from the Greek Government confirming the determination of the Greek Government to resist German aggression. (Cheers).

"It asked us to say what help we could give and the conditions in which we could give it.

"This Note from the Greek Government was not a cry for help. (Cheers). It was a statement of the Greek position and a request that we should state ours.

"In face of these conditions, Government decided to maintain the decision they had previously arrived at, to halt the desert advance at Benghazi and to prepare the forces there to go to the help of Greece.

"That decision was the decision of Government and of the three chief military advisers.

Many Problems

"If Greece was to be helped it was obvious that help must be made ready and brought to bear very rapidly. Many problems required discussion and solution—the position of Yugoslavia, the necessity for keeping Turkey informed of our plans, and so forth.

"It seemed to Government that the wisest step was to attempt direct negotiations, so they entrusted the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and myself with this task.

"NEITHER OF US EVER HAD THE LEAST DOUBT OF THE ODDS AGAINST THE FULL SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION.

"We knew perfectly well that the German plans were far advanced. We knew how great were their material powers but I think we should have been to blame if we had not made that attempt. (Cheers).

"With the collapse of French resistance our forces in the Middle East were left to meet the situation without the help of the French armies.

Serious Shortages

"Our forces were relatively small and, what was worst, they had many serious shortages of equipment.

"In the late summer of last year the Government at home were deeply exercised by the situation in the Middle East.

"After General Wavell came home for consultations with the Prime Minister, Government took the decision to take great risks to reinforce that army.

"We then sent out armoured units, men, material and aircraft, and it was that equipment and these weapons which enabled General Wilson and General O'Connor in their desert advance to secure such brilliant successes. (Cheers).

"The Greek King and Prime Minister at once made it

abundantly clear that Greece was determined to resist German aggression as she had resisted Italian aggression.

"The Greek Prime Minister added that whatever the hopes of repulsing the enemy, Greece would defend her national territory if she could count only on her own forces (cheers).

Reasonable Chance

"At these discussions we told the Greek Government what we knew of the German plans. They came to the conclusion that the establishment of Anglo-Greek forces on the Haliakmon line offered a reasonable fighting chance of holding the German advance.

"The decision was reached very quickly and in complete agreement between the military experts of the two countries.

"It so happened at that time that we had the advantage of consulting in Cairo that most wise statesman and tried warrior, General Smuts. (Cheers).

"I asked him if he could be kind enough to come to Cairo when we were there. With characteristic generosity he did so, and we were able to consult him.

Complete Agreement

"That decision was taken at the gravest risk, in the light of our equipment here. Since then we have maintained a continuous stream of men and materials to the Middle East.

"This country has made that possible by submitting to restrictions of imports.

"With the collapse of France the fulfilment of our obligations for equipment to Turkey and the guarantee to Greece fell exclusively on our shoulders.

"On our arrival in Cairo we found that the three commanders-in-chief were in complete agreement with the policy advocated in London.

"We found in principle that the land formations to be sent out had already been decided on and preparations were in hand for their concentration.

"I would not have thought it necessary to mention this except that it was considered that the forces to be left in Cyrenaica would be sufficient to meet any threats.

An Appointment

"After a brief interval we decided that all of us go to Athens. I say all of us, but I ought to exclude the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, Admiral Cunningham, who had at that moment one of his occasional appointments with an elusive enemy. (The Battle of Matapan).

"He has authorised me to say, and indeed his speeches have since made plain that he too was

in complete agreement with the decision arrived at.

No Recrimination

"From Greece there has been no recrimination. The other day I sent a message to the Greek Government congratulating them on the valour and actions of their troops and I received a reply which I should give to the House.

"Please assure the House of Commons and the British people that their eulogies of the Greek Army will touch the hearts of our whole nation. We will never forget the loyal and courageous help which the British and Imperial forces gave our native land. Our allies showed themselves worthy to rank with the ancient heroes of Thermopylae and to write letters of gold in the glorious pages of British history. I desire once again to assure you that we will continue the struggle by the side of our great ally, the noble people of the British Commonwealth, until victory is won and the triumph of the ideals of liberty, morality and international justice is achieved." (Cheers).

Mr. Eden continued: "I think the House will agree that the generous spirit of that message has animated the Greek nation throughout its ordeal." (Cheers).

Not Enough

Turning to Yugoslavia, Mr. Eden said when they arrived they got plenty of encouragement that a German attack on Yugoslavia would be resisted but he said, "This was not enough. What was needed was a common plan so that if an attack developed we should have the best chance of resisting it together. (Cheers).

"WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE THIS AND EVERY EFFORT FAILED UNTIL THE MOMENT OF THE COUP D'ETAT.

"During these conversations we were given repeatedly to understand that the Yugoslav army was mobilised. When we pressed our anxieties that they would be too late, the reply always came, 'we shall be ready.'

Too Late

"It was then too late—too late for the best will in the world to mobilise armies and concentrate them where they ought to be if they were to give us the support and help needed.

"So it was, despite all the gallantry of the Yugoslav army, which has been as splendid in this war as in the last, despite all that, without an effective plan, the Yugoslav armies could not and did not stop the German drive through southern Serbia to Monastir Gap.

"It is perhaps idle and unprofitable to speculate but had the Government which preceded the coup d'etat of General Simovitch, as clearly understood Yugoslavia's true interests as did the Government of General Simovitch, the whole story might have been different.

"But none of these things can detract from the courage of the decision which the Yugoslav people eventually took.

"We have pledged ourselves to redeem Yugoslavia's independence and that pledge will be honoured. (Cheers).

Turkish Loyalty

"While we were in the Middle East we had frequent opportunities for conversations with Turkish statesmen. The Turkish Government was informed, as an ally, of our plans in connection with Greece.

"Throughout all these conversations I was deeply impressed by the loyal friendship shown by all the Turkish statesmen, who we had occasion to meet, and by the determination they and their people showed to stand firm

against any menace to their sovereignty or any encroachment on their rights and interests.

"Since the beginning of this war Turkey has rendered great service to our cause by her policy of independence. The importance of her role as a bulwark against further aggression in the Middle East is obvious.

"I AM SURE THAT LOYALTY TO THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THIS COUNTRY WILL, AS EVER, BE THE BASIS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY."

Rashid Ali

Turning to Iraq, Mr. Eden said "Unconstitutional action by Rashid Ali has already led once to his fall from power.

"When later he seized power again, the British Government saw no reason why this or any other event in Iraq should deprive them of their clear treaty rights.

"Nothing can excuse the action of the Iraqi military leaders in first accepting and then challenging our clear treaty rights.

"This country has a record of which it has no need to be ashamed in its dealings with the Arab people and above all with Iraq. (Cheers).

"It was we who assured independence to modern Iraq: it is we who have assisted them and in every respect kept our word.

"I wish to make plain to the world our present position.

"We are grateful for the offer of their good offices by the Turkish and Egyptian Governments.

"OUR POSITION IS: THE FIRST REQUISITE IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM HABBANIYAH AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE BRITISH FORCES IN IRAQ.

Britain Determined

"When this has been done and fighting between the allied nations has in consequence ceased, His Majesty's Government is prepared to discuss the fulfilment of their treaty rights, which they are in all circumstances determined to maintain. (Cheers).

"Many of their most distinguished leaders have already realised this."

Mr. Eden said that for a long time Italian newspapers had been regularly expressing their hope of seeing a British defeat and had shown quite clearly that if their hopes were fulfilled Italy would control the Arab lands of North Africa and elsewhere.

Mr. Eden proceeded: "Every Arab must know what that means. In all recent history there has been no rule more cruel and ruthless than that imposed by Italy on Arabs living in Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

Spectre?

"What of the other parties? Hitler told us on Sunday that he is an interested spectator in the Balkans—a spectator whose rule is based on military might and of the Gestapo.

"Arabs in any land must know that the approach of Axis rule means the end of their liberty, which they have jealously guarded, and which, in alliance with us, is safe to-day."

Concluding, Mr. Eden declared "Not once does Germany or Italy show anywhere the least respect for an engagement. Their only sanction is force."

"The United States to-day are helping us greatly in many spheres and in many ways."

Immense Step

"The more fully, more rapidly and more certainly that help can reach the battlefields in Asia, Africa and Europe, the shorter the duration of the war."

"That is why I welcome the immense step forward taken by the United States in deciding to send ships to the Red Sea."

"It must be our privilege, together with the help we can receive from the United States, to win for the nations of Europe the right to live their own lives in peace and tranquillity, secure at last from the haunting dread that shadows our time." — Reuters

Temperate Discussion On Efficacy Of Intelligence

MR. ATTLEE'S SALLY AT HORE-BELISHA

WITHIN AN HOUR OF its opening the War Debate in the House of Commons yesterday settled down in a calm but not overcrowded House into a temperate discussion, the key to which was provided by the remark of Government Liberal, Sir Percy Harris: "We are solid behind the Prime Minister but the fact need not exclude constructive criticism."

Mr. Lee-Smith, Leader of the Labour Front Bench, asked a number of questions which resolved themselves, as did a number of other speeches, mainly into doubts about the full efficacy of the British Intelligence and Information Services and whether advice or information always received full attention.

At no time, however, was there any division of opinion about the rightness of going to aid Greece.

The most critical speech was by Mr. Hore-Belisha. He contended that the British Expeditionary Force was inadequate and information was wrong and wrongly interpreted.

HE DECLARED THAT MATA-PAN WAS A DECOY OPERATION WHICH GAVE THE GERMANS THEIR LARGE FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA AND ALSO DECLARED THAT WE HAD FAILED IN IRAQ.

Mr. Hore-Belisha demanded an improvement in intelligence, more armour, more tanks, dive-bombers and transport planes. He agreed that progress had been made but declared that it was not enough.

Mr. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, replying to Mr. Hore-Belisha, pointed out, amid laughter, that until January, 1940, Mr. Hore-Belisha had been in charge of a big part of British war preparations. He was sure that when Mr. Hore-Belisha was at the War Office he found that what he did was conditioned by what his predecessor had done.

Mr. Attlee added: "We find ourselves very much in the same position."

Mr. Attlee declared that the position in the Summer and Autumn of last year was infinitely more threatening than that today.

Fundamental Fact

The splendid Greek resistance, General Cunningham's campaign in Abyssinia, and the victories of General Wavell in Libya, did make a bright light on a dark day but did not alter the fundamental fact of the situation—that the Continent of Europe was in the hands of Germany.

Simultaneously with the debate in the Commons, a debate was held in the Lords on a similar motion, and after a few hours of discussion, the Lords unanimously passed a vote of confidence in Government.

The Commons debate will be continued.—Reuter.

SOVIET ARMS FOR CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") According to the B.B.C., 650 truckloads of about 2,000 tons of Russian munitions reach General Chiang Kai-shek's armies monthly through Turkestan.—International News Service.

ECHO OF SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Leave to presume the death on or since November 8, 1936, of Carlos Fernando Stuart Y Falco, Duke of Penaranda, was granted in the Probate Court yesterday, the application being by the Duke's brother, the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador in London.

An affidavit by the Duke of Alba stated that the Duke of Penaranda was interned in the model prison in Madrid in the Summer of 1936 with other sympathisers of the National movement.

He was removed from prison in or about the following November and was believed to have been assassinated.

Since then the widow, child and brother have not seen him or heard from the Duke of Penaranda who left estate of about £35,000 in Britain.—Reuter.

SCURRILOUS SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOLLOWING A CONTINUOUS 10-DAY ATTACK AGAINST THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE "FAR EASTERN TIMES," RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE SHANGHAI DAILY, BELIEVED TO BE JAPANESE SPONSORED, YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A FULL PAGE ARTICLE DENOUNCING THE S.M.C.

It labelled members of the Council "parasites, robbers, lizards and bandits."

Questioned, an S.M.C. official stated the matter was being studied by higher authorities.

Bitter attacks have been made daily on Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Elly Kadoorie, and other prominent Jewish businessmen, and steps are being considered to suppress the paper's activity.—International News Service.

NURSE WAS BOMB HEROINE

A Canadian nursing sister was one of the heroines in a London restaurant which was bombed.

She worked in the bombed building among the dead and dying for more than an hour. She was Miss Helen Stevens, of Dunnville, Ontario, who is now a nursing sister in No. 1 Canadian General Hospital in England.

Canadians on week-end leave, British officers and men and Londoners were dining in the restaurant when it was hit by a high explosive bomb.

Miss Stevens went to the restaurant with a party of Canadians, including Nursing Sister Thelma Stewart of Toronto, her close friend, and Lieutenant Jack Clunie and Lieutenant Jack Wright, both of Sarnia, Ontario.

When the bomb fell, Miss Stewart and Lieutenant Wright were dancing. Miss Stevens and Lieutenant Clunie, dishing the food, were being played.

Went to their table in the balcony. Then the crash came. Wright, who was among the killed, shielded Miss Stewart.

SECRET GIFT OF JEWELS

A young woman walked into the Red Cross and St. John sales department in Bond Street, London, and gave an official a brown paper parcel. Then she prepared to without leaving her name. The official opened the parcel and discovered one of the finest gifts of jewellery the Red Cross and St. John Fund has received during the war.

It included a diamond and opal tiara, a diamond and opal necklace, a diamond and opal pendant, and a fine gold and platinum bracelet.

He explained to the young woman that the jewels could not be accepted unless she disclosed her name and address.

So she revealed that she was Miss Murray, of Tottenham Inkpen, Newbury, Berkshire.

She added hastily: "I don't want any fuss made. The jewels have been left to me and I decided to give them to the fund."

"Truly Magnificent"

A Red Cross official said: "The gift is truly magnificent. Experts who have looked casually at the jewels say that the amount raised is likely to run into several hundreds of pounds."

"They will be sold at Christie's as a special lot."

Miss Murray said that she had wanted her gift to remain anonymous.

"It's ordinary jewellery," she said. "I took it out of the bank, wrapped it up in some brown paper, because that was all I had to carry it in, and took it to the Red Cross."

"I wanted them to have it, but I wanted it kept quiet and thought I had gone about it the right way."

SWEDISH OFFICIAL VISIT TO FINLAND

The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Guenther, arrived in Helsinki yesterday on an unofficial visit.

He was greeted at the aerodrome by the Finnish Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

HOSTILE SHELLING IN IRAQ

"In the Habbaniyah area British aircraft were again active on Monday," states a communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo.

"Hostile shelling was intermittent and inaccurate."

"In the Basra area the situation remains quiet."

"Libya: Tobruk: no change in the situation."

"In the Sollum area, the activities of our ground and air forces were severely hampered by a heavy sandstorm."

"Abyssinia: Further progress was made by our forces northwards from Dessie on the rear of the Italian position about Amba Alagi."

"Advancing from Neghelli, our troops ejected and inflicted heavy casualties on a strong enemy force holding a position covering Adola."

"In other sections our advance is continuing." — Reuter.

MEXICO READY TO TAKE PART

Mexico's opposition to totalitarian expansion was unequivocally expressed by the Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, writing in the Carnegie Foundation's publication "International Conciliation."

Senor Padilla declared: "Mexico is prepared to take a stand with other Western Hemisphere democracies in opposing totalitarian expansion and Fifth Column activity."

"America's destiny is to take part in the fray."

Later in the same article, Senor Padilla writes: "The Mexican people, with full consciousness of the cause they are embracing, are fully resolved to share that destiny."

"We must, therefore, prepare. We must resolutely cooperate with one another for the defence of this hemisphere." — Reuter.

POSED AS A BARON CHARGE

A 26-YEAR-OLD DISCHARGED SOLDIER WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE POSED AS BARON FISHER DE BOSLIER WAS REMAINED IN CUSTODY AT EXETER CHARGED UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS WITH USING OTHER THAN HIS OWN NAME.

The man, George Samuel Fisher, with an address at an Exeter lodging-house, was described by the acting Chief Constable as a man of no substance. There were other charges pending. Fisher, who had been a private, was discharged from the Army after hospital treatment.

Detective Sergeant Bennett said Fisher told him he used the foreign name and title as a joke.

Civil Servants Scorn Red Tape

CIVIL SERVICE organisations have placed before Sir Horace Wilson, head of the Civil Service, proposals for reforms in administration.

The suggestions have come from the staff side of the National Whitley Council, on which all Civil Service Trade Unions are represented. They aim at eliminating unnecessary red tape so that Civil Service man-power can be used to the best advantage.

The view put to Sir Horace is that there should be some modification on the meticulous check on every item of expenditure, and that in war conditions a great deal of filling in Government departments could be dispensed with.

Civil Service administration is based on the necessity to have expenditure subject to immediate check by the Comptroller and Auditor-General and to furnish Ministers with information about any matter which may be raised by a member of Parliament.

The Civil Service unions feel that while these are necessary in

"This Canadian officer died protecting a Canadian nurse," said Miss Stevens.

Clunie suffered minor wounds, but has recovered.

As the wounded called for help Miss Stevens walked among the wreckage tending them and pouring champagne into their wounds as an antiseptic.

The A.R.P. were quickly on the spot, but Miss Stevens stayed and was the last woman to leave.

peace-time, they waste essential man-power in time of war.

"Not Enough War"

Another suggestion is that a high official, acting directly under the Prime Minister, should have power to decide the staffing needs of each department. At present, some departments are holding on to staff which could easily be transferred.

The Treasury hesitates to interfere because the Minister concerned can always raise the matter as a Cabinet issue.

There is a good deal of evidence that in several departments particularly those created since the war—trained civil servants are fretting because they have not enough work to do.

Soldier Clerks

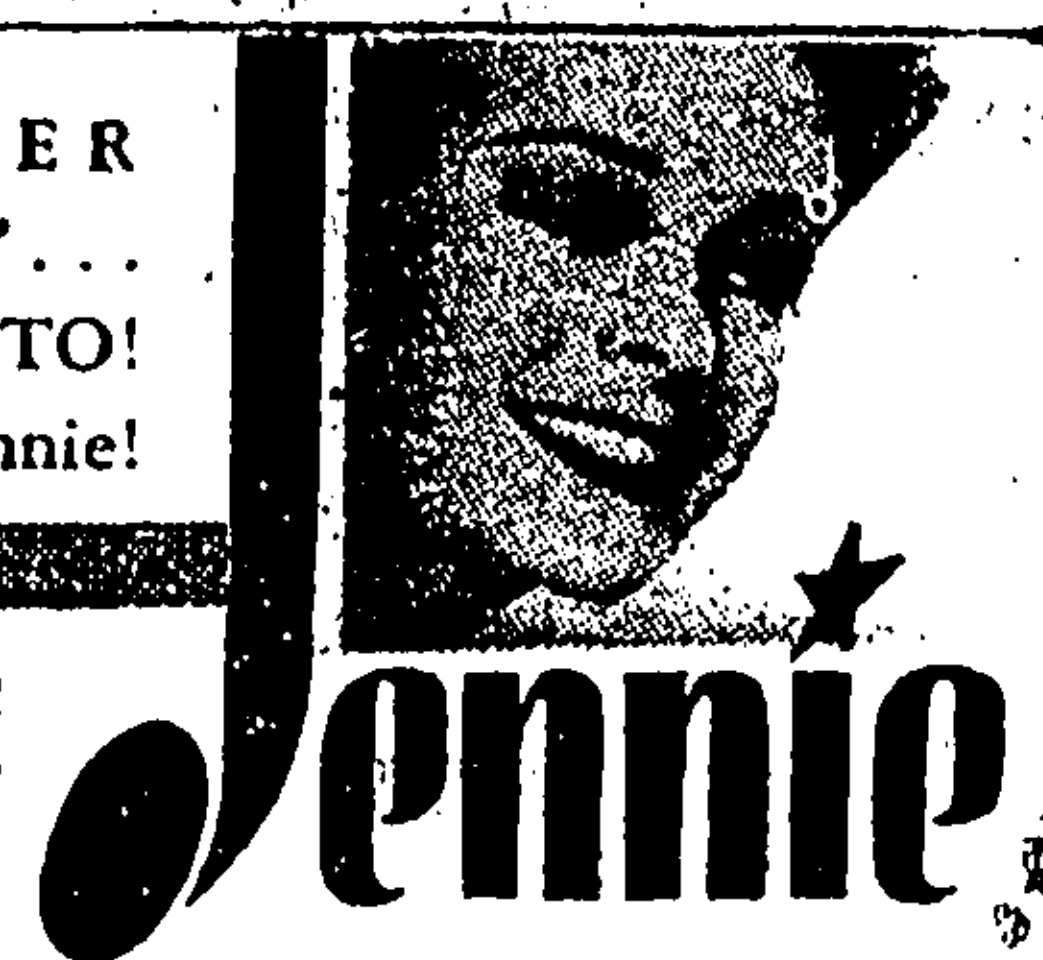
In the War Office and the Air Ministry there is a growing tendency to make service appointments for clerical and similar jobs. This is often more expensive.

In addition, men in the services are exempt from fire fighting and the job falls on civilians who are often doing precisely the same work.

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FURNACE HEAT IN DESERT TESTING GERMAN ENDURANCE

HEAVY SAND-STORMS IN FURNACE-LIKE HEAT ARE TESTING THE ENDURANCE OF THE GERMANS IN THE SOLLUM-TOBRUK AREA, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED MILITARY CIRCLES IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The situation was reported much the same as 24 hours ago and the enemy's attack is believed to have proved exhausting as well as costly to him.

The position in Abyssinia, where the Imperial northern and southern columns are gradually converging on Amba Alagi, is described as very promising for the Imperial Forces.

Observers returning from the Western Desert say that the Germans are being considerably affected by the conditions there. PRISONERS' DIARIES CONTAIN FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE HEAT AND WATER SHORTAGE WHILE DIVE-BOMBING BY THEIR OWN PLANES IS OFTEN MENTIONED.

It seems that there is some truth in the reports that the Germans trained troops for desert warfare by manoeuvres in sand dunes on the Baltic and by strenuous exercises in glass-houses to accustom them to heat.

German tanks are not proving well suited to desert work and British mobile guns are able to pick them off at close range. — Reuter.

German Losses In Raids

Germany has lost 41 night bombers already this month.

This total—nearly half of the record April losses—was reached with announcement that two additional raiders, it is now confirmed, were brought down on Sunday night by A.A. fire.

Thus this year the Luftwaffe's losses by night total 203, which compares with 130 for the whole of 1940, of which 93 were brought down from June onwards.

Two more enemy aircraft were brought down in the Channel on Tuesday in daylight when small formations crossed the Kent coast and flew a short distance inland.

The Air Ministry says bombs were dropped on a town on the Kent coast and another on the East Coast but little damage was done and there were no serious casualties. — Reuter.

TERRORIST ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, THE FOURTH U.S. MARINES AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF A CHINESE TERRORIST FOLLOWING AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE TWO JAPANESE NAVAL SENTRIES IN THE HONGKEW AREA OF SHANGHAI.

One sentry was slightly wounded in the finger.

In the course of searches by the Japanese and the S.M. Police a lone Chinese was seen running away. He was chased and arrested and handed over to the Japanese authorities. — International News Service.

PREMIER LUNCHES AT PALACE

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was received in audience by the King and remained to lunch with Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — Reuter.

PLUMBER'S MATE: BISHOP

A thirty-year-old York plumber had his breakfast and then set out to repair a water tank. Ten minutes after the job was finished he was shaking hands with the Archbishop of York, Dr. William Temple.

Stopped by a nurse in the street, he had willingly agreed to become one of the first blood donors in the East Riding campaign.

As the volunteer — Leonard Wood, of Dodsworth Avenue, York—was taken into the testing room at the Theatre Royal, the Archbishop was just seeing the sample of blood drawn from his own ear placed into a test tube.

Blushed Before Mike

Leonard was next in the chair. Then, each with a piece of cotton wool in his ear and a blood donor badge pinned to his coat, the Archbishop and Leonard walked together through the Market Square to speak into the microphone.

"It didn't hurt much did it?" said Dr. Temple to him.

Leonard blushed as they were greeted with a fanfare of trumpets from a military band.

Then, his big moment over, he slung his bag of tools back on his shoulder and set out for the next job.

VILLAGE SMITHY'S NEW TOB

STRAINING HIS GREAT MUSCLES TO THE TASK HIS FAMILY HAVE DONE FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS, BEN BACHE, THIRTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD SMITH OF THE SPADE AND SHOVEL FORGE IN THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF CHURCHILL (WORCS) BEATS HIS HAMMER AGAINST HARD STEEL.

But instead of fashioning the farm implements as his eighty-four-year-old father, and his forebears back to his father's great-grandfather, used to do, he is working to form great ladles for pouring out molten metal to make hand grenades for our fighting men.

As the villages pass by they hear the clang of the hammers and the roar of the furnace, blown on by powerful bellows worked by the water wheel on the village stream.

From morning to night the forge is busy — for Ben the Smith does not spare himself in the new work that has fallen to him.

TOOK BOMB TO DUMP—FINED £3

When a bomb fell near his old home in South-East London, Leading Signaller Arthur Pullen was a bit upset.

Then he learned that the bomb hadn't exploded. So they hadn't wrecked his birthplace? Well, that was easy, he'd shift the bomb.

Pullen is forty-two, has been twenty-five years in the Navy, and sailors don't care — about bombs. But let his wife tell the story.

"The bomb weighed 110lb. and had gone through two storeys and a settee, and was lodged under the floor boards," she told the "Daily Mirror."

"He borrowed a saw and some thick wire, sawed round the bomb and pulled it out.

"Some men wanted to help but he would only let my seventeen-year-old son Harry come along. He told them it was a case of 'one dog, one bone.'

"He carried the bomb to a public house which had been nearly destroyed in a previous raid. Harry, who is as fearless as his father, followed him in case he dropped it.

Works Were Ticking

"But he thought the public house was too near some houses, so he took it to a dump.

"All the time the works were ticking. He was going to dismantle the bomb, when the bomb disposal squad men came along and he was taken to the police station.

"This morning he was fined £3 at the police court for 'removing and tampering with a bomb dropped from enemy aircraft.'

"The money was paid by his flag officer and will probably be deducted from his pay.

"He doesn't care, and has told me he would do it again if necessary. The vicar has offered to pay but my husband told him it was all right. A number of people whose homes would have been destroyed, also want to pay it."

A neighbour said that a collection to pay the fine was being made. "I paid 5s. — and would like to give £5," said one. "We have nearly got the £3 already."

Last September Pullen climbed to the roof to deal with some incendiaries. On another occasion he was trapped in a bomb crater.

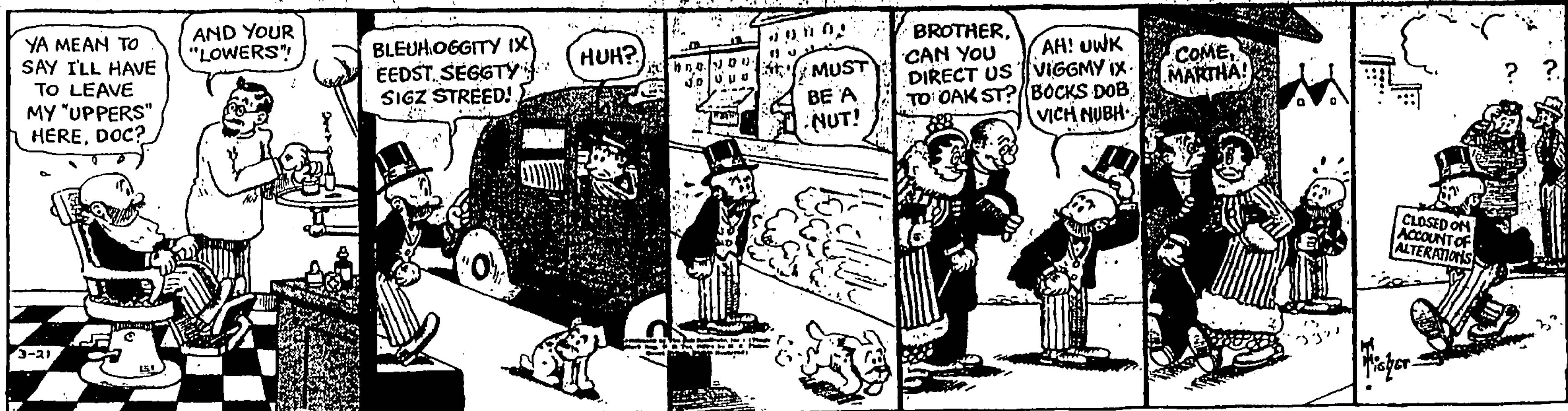
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MUTT AND JEFF

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ONE KILLED AND SIX WOUNDED IN POLICE SHOOTING BATTLE IN N.T.

Selassie Back In Triumph

Exactly five years after the occupation of Addis Ababa by Marshal Badoglio, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, made a triumphal return to his capital on Monday afternoon.

He was met by Lieutenant-General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding East Africa, who was chiefly responsible for delivering his country from the Italian yoke in the brilliant British

AS A RESULT of an exchange of fire between a police party and armed robbers, four passengers in a motor-bus were wounded at 8.15 a.m. to-day when all roads in the New Territories were barricaded by the Police following a daring robbery in the centre of Taipo.

A Chinese detective was shot and killed while four of the robbers, two wounded were captured.

campaign now nearing its end. His two sons, the Crown Prince and the Duke of Harrar, were there to greet him.

Great excitement prevailed as the Emperor entered the city. Italians still in Addis Ababa remained discreetly indoors.—Reuter.

At 2 a.m. to-day, six men, armed with revolvers, held up the inmates of an eating house at No. 62, Fu Shing Street, Taipo.

After collecting money and jewellery to the extent of over \$2,000, the men left.

The Police were immediately informed, and a message was sent to all Stations in the New Territories.

Police Ambush Set

The Officer in Charge of the Shataukok Police station detailed a party of Police officers to ambush the robbers who were reported escaping to the border.

At 5.15 a.m. four men were sighted heading straight for the ambush and as they approached, they were challenged. They immediately turned and fled. Two were arrested, the other two escaping. One was in possession of an automatic pistol.

Second Clash

At 8.15 a.m., another police party barricading one of the main roads, signalled an oncoming motor-bus to stop.

Before the bus was brought to a standstill, two of the passengers whipped out revolvers and started firing at the Police.

Taking cover, the police replied and after a brief exchange of fire, the two men were wounded and taken into custody. It was during the exchange of fire that the Chinese detective was hit and killed.

Four of the passengers in the bus were also wounded, all being removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

AUSTRALIAN SHELLS IN BRITAIN

"Shells being fired over London these nights were made in Australia," declared Mr. Claude James, Agent-General for Tasmania, speaking in London yesterday.

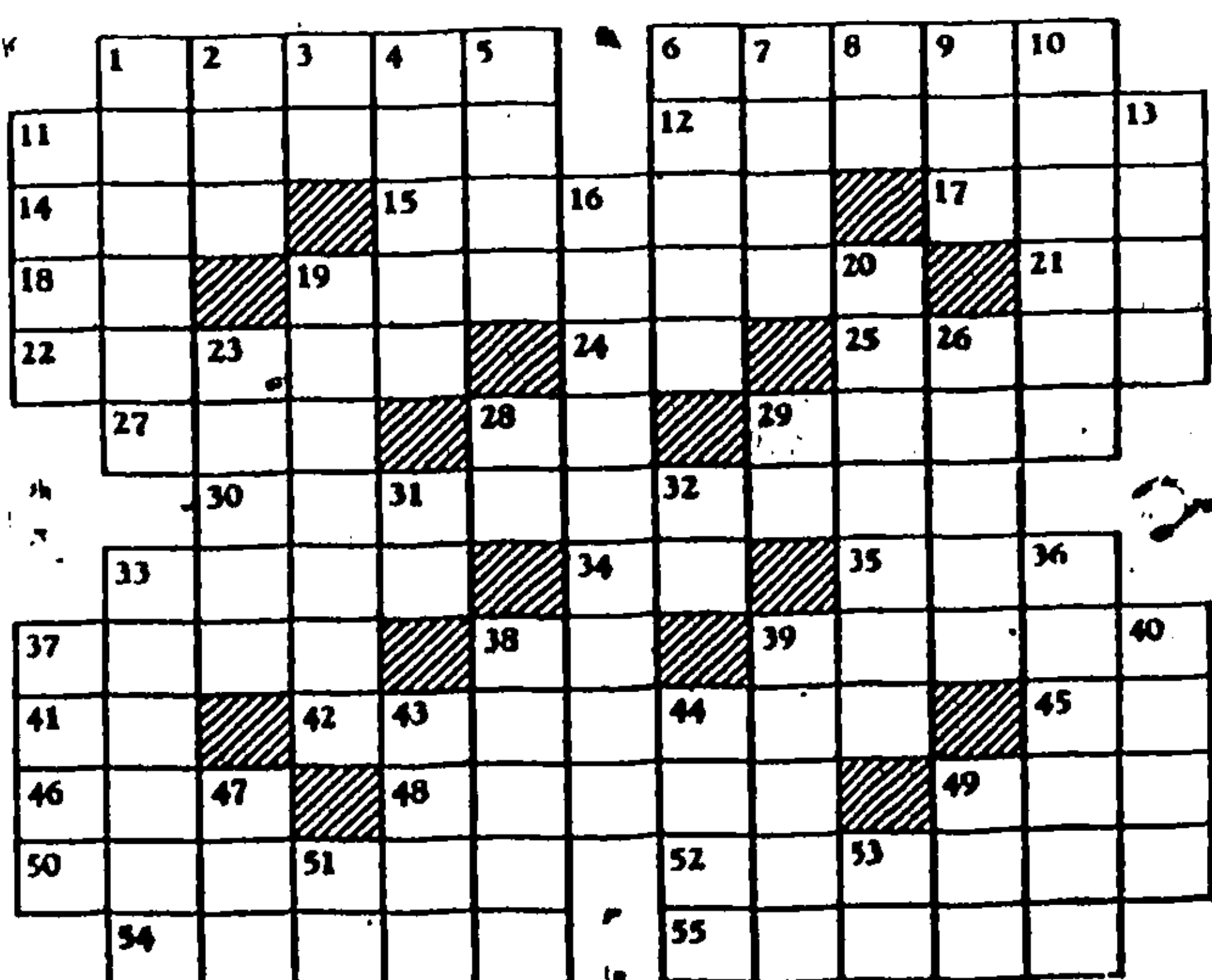
Australia, he added, was now making all the munitions she required and was supplying munitions also to New Zealand and India.—Reuter.

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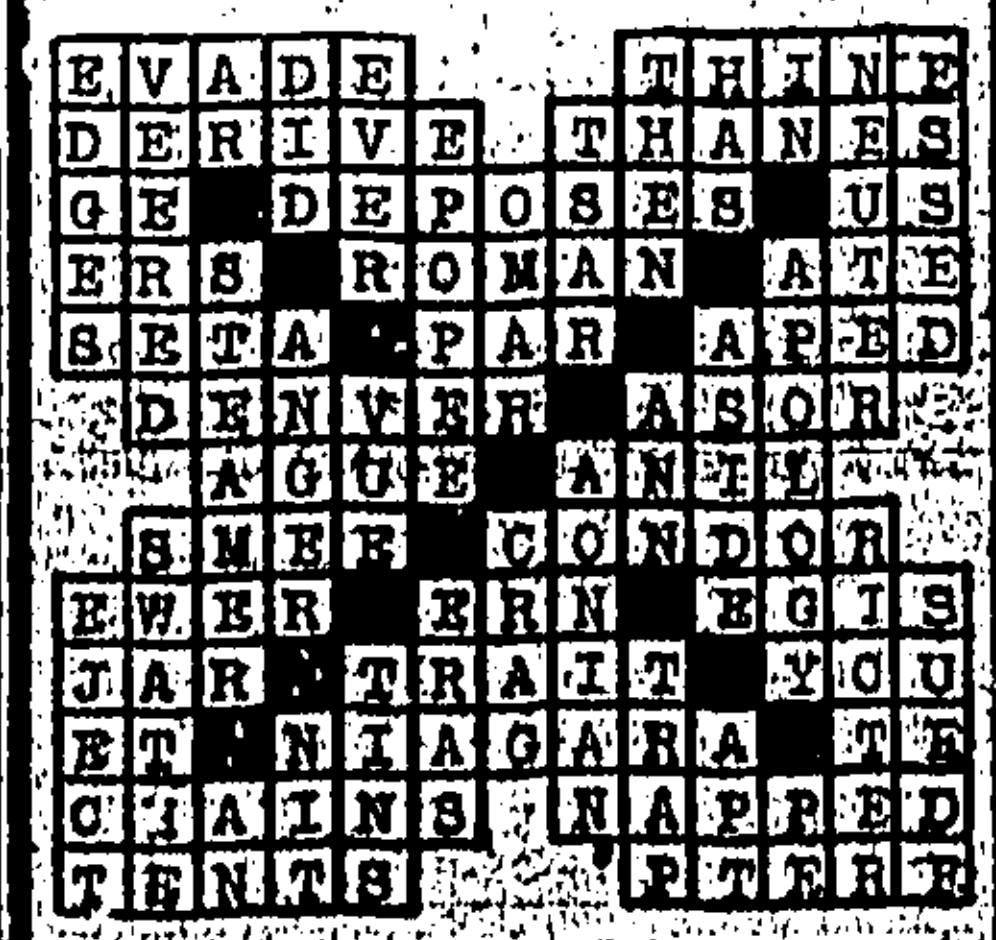
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Heathen
- 6 Is afraid
- 11 Dinner-jacket
- 12 Whole
- 14 Crude metal
- 15 To alter
- 17 Digit
- 18 Symbol for silver
- 19 Having no limits of duration
- 21 Concerning
- 22 To penetrate
- 24 Teutonic deity
- 25 God of war
- 27 Deer
- 28 Reposition
- 29 Exclamation of sorrow
- 30 Fraternal
- 31 Obtains
- 34 Part of "to be"
- 35 Electrified particle
- 37 Constructed
- 38 Article
- 39 Mexican title
- 41 Conjunction
- 42 To swell

VERTICAL

- 1 Cleansed
- 2 Chopping tool
- 3 Earth goddess
- 4 Proverb
- 5 Alaskan capital
- 6 Smaller
- 7 Concludes
- 8 By
- 9 Rodent
- 10 Tallies
- 11 Amphibian
- 13 Golfers' mounds
- 16 Largest land-animal (pl.)
- 19 Turned aside
- 20 Rushed out suddenly
- 23 Having protuberances
- 24 Lustrous textile fibre
- 25 Low note
- 29 Land measure
- 31 Bone
- 32 Printer's measure
- 33 Deep red
- 36 Colloquial to rumour
- 37 Territory E. of the Dead Sea
- 38 Apart
- 39 To scorn
- 40 Italian capital
- 43 Wrongs
- 44 Island off the Tuscan coast
- 47 Article
- 48 Owns
- 51 Upon
- 53 Japanese measure

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BRITAIN STILL HAS EDGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA THE BRITISH STILL HOLD ALL THE IMPORTANT ADVANTAGES AT SEA EXCEPT IN RESPECT OF AIR PARITY OR SUPERIORITY, DECLARES THE "BALTIMORE SUN."

No matter with what ingenuity the Germans use motor and U-boats, finally they will have to seek a decision in the eastern Mediterranean with ground forces.

Throughout such a campaign they will have to reckon constantly with a Fleet that they cannot hope to defeat or even hold in leash.

The "Indianapolis Star" says that every one of Hitler's victories has added new enemies, who are bitter in their subjection.

There is not one among them that is not looking for a chance to get revenge. No one would hesitate openly to revolt if opportunity presented itself.

Those 140 million non-German people he has cowed and trampled are not conquered. Each one is a handicap to the Reich in its struggle for ultimate victory.

Superb, Heroic

The "New York World-Telegram" declares the successful British evacuation of Greece seems even more miraculous than Dunkirk.

OBVIOUSLY THE CHIEF REASON FOR THIS SUCCESS IS THAT THE MEN OF THE B.E.F. ARE SUPERB, HEROIC SOLDIERS LED BY COOL, BRILLIANT STRATEGISTS.

Certainly the retreat was masterly and at a minimum cost considering the numerical and machine superiority of the enemy on the ground and in the air.

Terrible Price

The "Cincinnati Enquirer" says it is evident that the B.E.F. aid sent to Greece made the Germans pay a terrible price for their Balkan conquest.

The Battle of Greece has two main factors common with Dunkirk. It was marked with another exhibition of the almost uncanny genius of the British for one of the most difficult of all military operations, evacuation by sea in the face of superior land and air forces.

Secondly, it was another demonstration of a rearguard action which almost beggars description as heroic.

Finally, it cheated the German High Command on a scale unequalled since Dunkirk.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM

The undertone of the London Stock Exchange remained firm yesterday although gilt-edged and home rails tended to be reactionary. Industrials were steady with Cable and Wireless and Courtland's good features, the latter on useful enquiry finding stock short. Oils were steady, with Mexican Eagle improving on the reported big British purchase of Mexican oil. Kaffirs responded to satisfactory April returns and diamonds were supported. Among foreign issues Japanese bonds tended lower while Egyptian and Iraq issues receded. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

WORTHLESS, INCREDIBLE

Hitler's latest address to a compliant Reichstag, says the "New York Times," is notable only for new perversion of history and further misrepresentation of facts and a parade of statistics as worthless as they are incredible.

These Reichstag deliverances may serve their purpose within Germany for a time at least. To the free world they arouse only contempt.—Reuter.

A.A. GUNS GOT 4 IN SECONDS

On a brilliant sunny day on the South Coast. Junkers 87 fighter-bombers and Me 109's circled and twisted.

First the Junkers dived on their objective. Below, cool A.A. gunners with split-second accuracy brought down the first in a crater made by its own bombs, then blew another to bits. A third sheered off.

Then the ME's dived on the British guns. Again our gunners, working like lightning, picked off two planes—and the attack was broken.

This deadly accuracy was disclosed by a young officer when he visited a factory producing A.A. guns. He told the workers his battery alone had recently accounted for twenty-two enemy planes.

Not a second could be wasted in operating the guns, he said, because the time for engaging a low-flying aircraft seldom exceeded ten seconds.

Hit Full In Cockpit

Describing the action in which the four planes were shot down, he said:

"One Junkers dived to attack its objective. We hit it with the ninth round.

"Other guns swung to a second aircraft and brought it down before it released its bombs.

"Then three ME pilots dived in a staggered line, firing their cannons at us.

"The magnificent design and workmanship of the guns enabled us to swing the gun round through 90 degrees, elevate it to about 60 degrees and hit the plane full in the cockpit with the third round.

"Then we were able to swing up and hit the engine of a second ME. It crashed into the sea."

BRIGHTER COURT PLAN FAILS

Georgia (U.S.) Senate decided that they wanted only beauty contest winners to act as women jurors.

The women must have won a beauty contest within two years before their jury service, must be less than forty-five years old, and should wear perfume agreeable to the Judge and the court officials.

But the question aroused so much controversy that it was decided to forget the whole idea of women serving on juries.

PEER IS LEARNING HIS OWN LANGUAGE

Viscount Tarbat, thirty-six-year-old Highland laird, is learning Gaelic in a German prison camp.

He is a major in the Seaforth Highlanders and was taken prisoner last June. Writing to his wife who is at Castle Leod, Strathpeffer, Lord Tarbat says:

"Officers in the camp pass the time attending and giving lectures. I have always wanted to learn Gaelic but never had the opportunity. I hope, when the war is over, to be able to speak to my Ross-shire tenants in their native tongue."

Viscount Tarbat's mother, the Countess of Cromartie, is a past chief of the Inverness Gaelic Society. She does not speak Gaelic but was appointed first woman chief of the society because of her interest in Gaelic lore and in recognition of the mystical Celtic stores she has written.

WOMAN AIDS POLICE IN ARSENIC MYSTERY

POLICE INVESTIGATING the poison death mystery of Miss Elizabeth Byford have had a long interview with a woman whose identity they are keeping secret.

This woman is said to be now living in the Metropolitan police area. She never knew Miss Byford, but she has been able to help the police in their inquiries.

It was from a house in the old tin mining village of St. Ann's Chapel that forty-seven-year-old Miss Byford was taken ten months ago to a Plymouth hospital, where she died from arsenic poisoning.

Detectives have taken possession of Miss Byford's bank account. It shows that sums of money more than she ever spent on herself were frequently withdrawn from the ledger of several thousands of pounds she had put by.

The police have tried to trace where this money has gone. But it has been difficult, because the middle-aged spinster moved to at least six new addresses in the

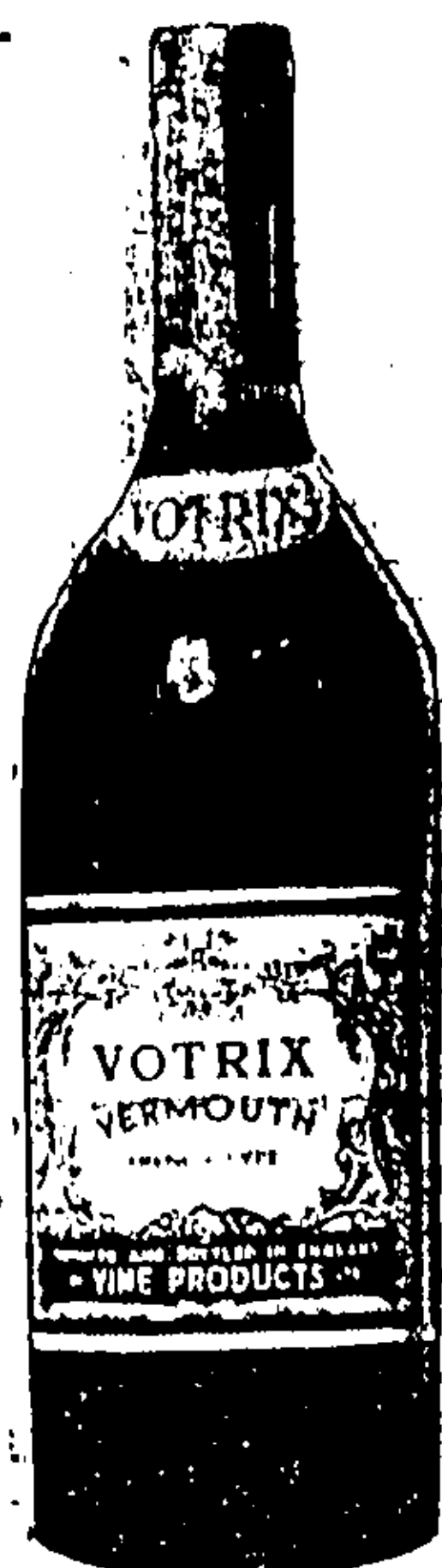
last few years of her life. It is clear that she spent little of the money on herself, as she seldom went out.

"Mrs. Fiske"

Most of the money was drawn in notes of small denomination.

It is puzzling, too, why she chose to call herself "Mrs. Fiske," the name she adopted when she opened her double-fronted grocer's shop at Bridport, Dorset, two years ago.

Miss Byford's relations do not know the answer to this riddle, one of many in this case which the police have tried to unravel for nearly a year.



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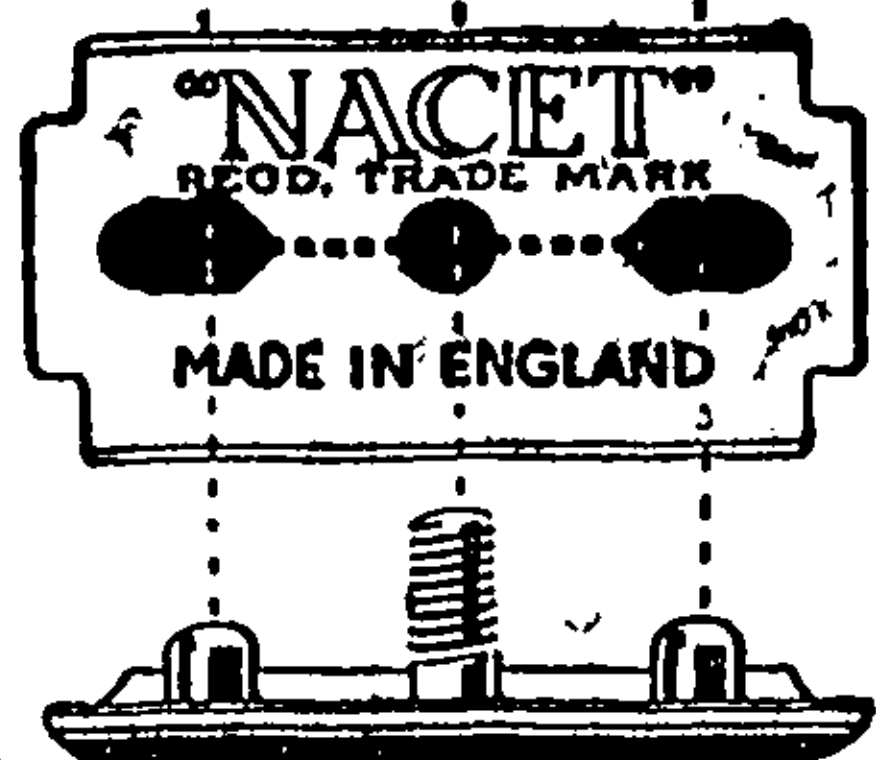
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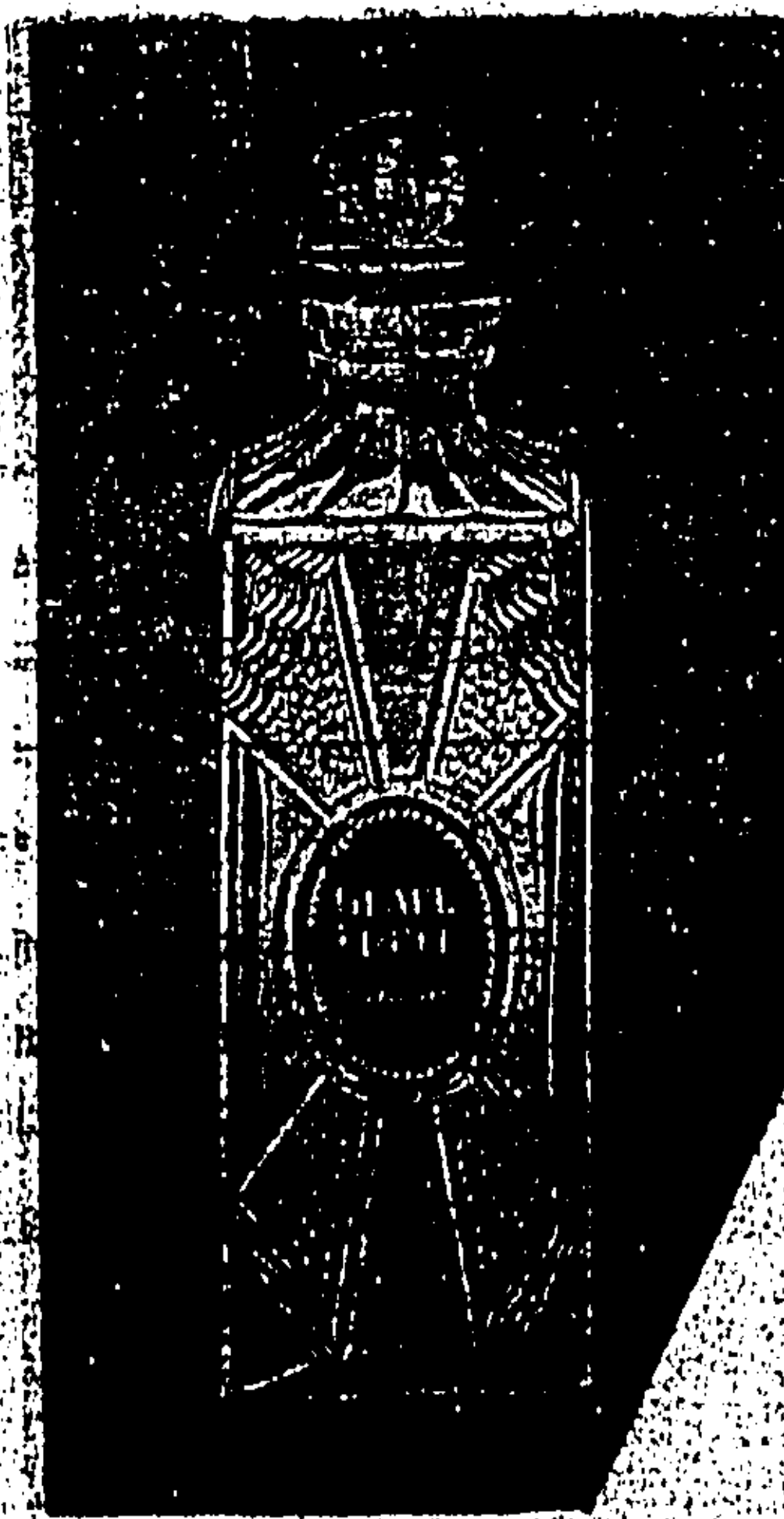


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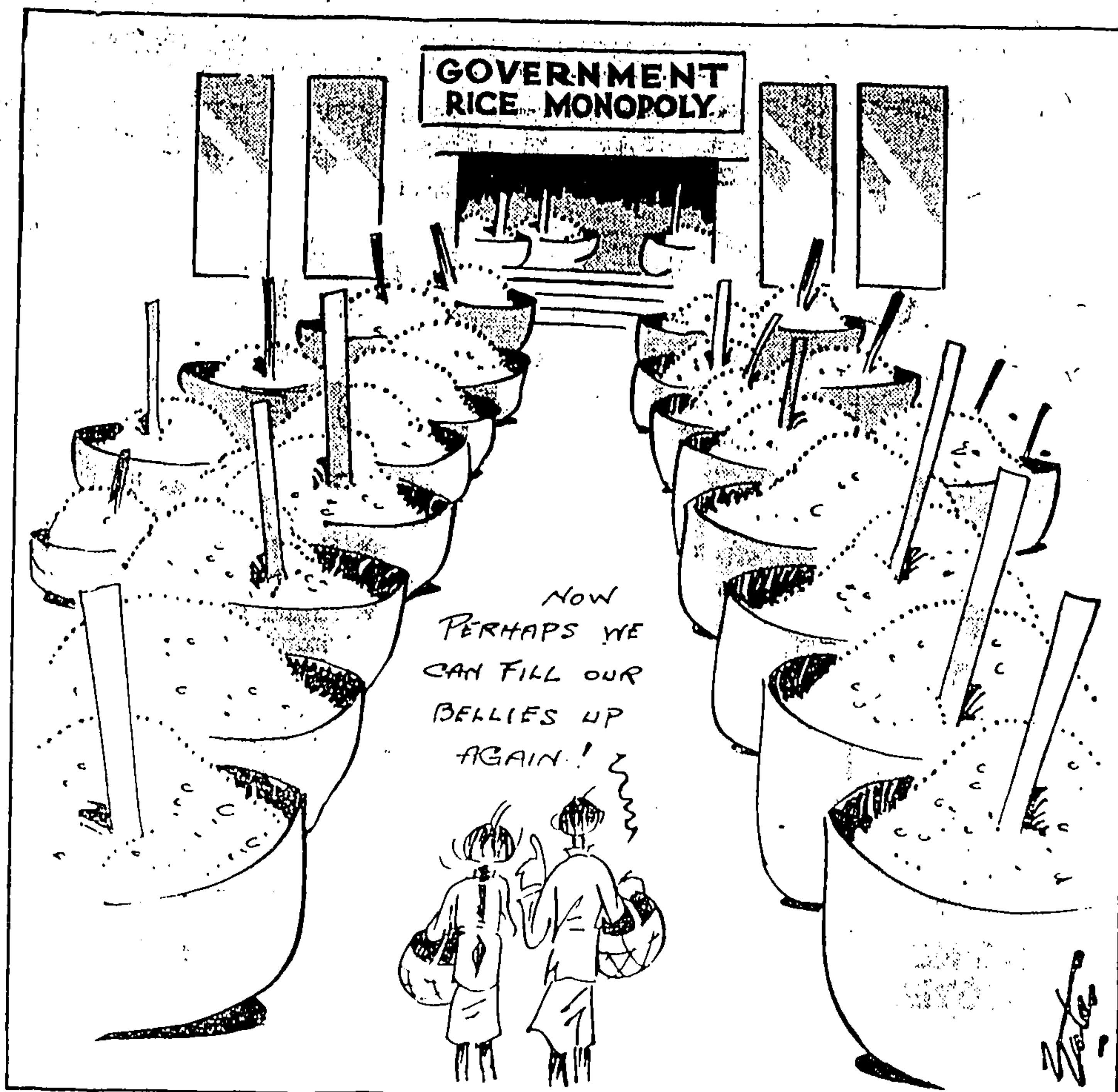
THE REASON WHY

There are many people who, with all the will in the world demanding a British victory in this war, still ask what good it did for Yugoslavia to offer challenge to German might. The answer may perhaps be detected in a letter addressed to the "New York Times" by the Yugoslavian Minister to Washington, M. Constantin Fotich, who begins by pointing out that the Yugoslavs could have "bargained for their freedom with unscrupulous aggressors."

They might have preserved for a time, at least, a semblance of independent existence if they had been prepared to "cooperate" on the degrading terms that Hitler offered. Why did they choose to resist, and what good did their resistance do? In less than two weeks of fighting their army was forced to capitulate; their leading cities were destroyed; thousands of men, and of women and children too, were killed or maimed; the rest will be treated worse by the Germans than if they had not resisted. How can we say that their resistance was worth while?

That is the question that disheartened people—in Yugoslavia itself, in Turkey, even in Hong Kong—ask themselves. One answer, as Mr. Fotich's letter makes clear, is that this is a decision that a liberty-loving people does not make on any mere cold-blooded calculation. Their choice is immediate and instinctive. They identify liberty with life. They prefer to fight for it even against impossible odds rather than accept an abject slavery tamely. Any other choice is "mentally and spiritually impossible."

But there is another answer too. The sacrifice of the Yugoslavs has not been in vain. Men and women the world over were inspired by the mere spectacle of the Yugoslav defiance—a defiance that was heartening and heroic in proportion to its very hopelessness. The world learned that the willingness of men and women to sacrifice their cities, their homes, life itself, for freedom from tyranny, was not dead. The Yugoslav decision, as Mr. Fotich points out, helped us if only to gain time; it disorganised Hitler's schedule and his sources of supply. But long after these important material results have been forgotten, the



DI-VESTED INTERESTS

Washington Opinion

By
Arthur Krock

Official temperature has risen in Washington from the low point reached when the German Army drive so quickly overwhelmed the Yugoslavs and Greece, and advanced to the Egyptian border while the German Navy sent thousands more tons of shipping to the bottom of the ocean.

It rose despite the announcement of the Soviet-Japanese treaty, and the greatest air raid ever carried out against London. The reasons for this partial recovery are several.

Since the British forces are still strongly opposing the Germans at the edge of Egypt, the fear that Suez would be gone by May was displaced by hope. Officials, consulting with their military experts, were braced by strong assertions that even if several such disasters occur in the Middle East they will have consumed time and materials indispensable to the Nazis and have contributed nothing to that victory in the Atlantic which is essential to winning the war.

Importance Of Morale

Perhaps the new hopes are no more justified than were the fears they displaced. But a matter of the most vital importance depends in part on whether the official Washington mind is hopeful or despairing, and that is why these registers of temperature should be set down as they occur.

The matter of vital importance is the administration of the policy of all-out aid to Great Britain. This has been successfully de-

veloped until the government is nearing a point where the hard decisions will have to be made. "Short of war," the pledge of the campaign, has been abandoned as a phrase. But it is still acting as a brake on policy because the Administration is not certain whether it would dare to take off the brake. Its disposition has been to defer facing that decision as long as possible and pretend there is no future by the simple process of refusing to admit plans for it.

Thus, though every detail of American naval escortage of supply ships has been worked out, the President dismissed every question on the subject and his responsible Congressional spokesmen continue to assert they never hear the subject mentioned in conferences at the White House. Again, though the decision for all-out aid meant a complete commitment to the cause of German defeat, the official attitude still is that the objective can and must be attained on a formula of reservations: no naval escorts, no fighting men, etc.

Into this atmosphere the President launched statements that the public is unaware of the gravity of the international situation, but that he trusts cracker-barrel debates, forums and the like to produce full awareness, because he believes in the intelligence of the people. It is not likely, however, that this realization will come so long as the government refrains from a clear, candid statement of the facts and continues to imply that wars can be won by half-measures.

Serious View

Public opinion cannot be expected to view the international situation so gravely as the President does if the government puts curbs on some economic groups and not on others. It is difficult to make people believe that their safety is in peril when their government attempts to keep commodity prices low by fiat while encouraging increases in the largest factor of commodity costs, which is wages.

A New Firmness?

But now that Washington has regained some of its poise, the events and necessities of the international situation may find the

government more resolute, more willing to accept the responsibilities of leadership and grim decision. When the lease-lend policy was adopted by Congress, these responsibilities were made inevitable, the only alternative being a reversal of that policy to purely domestic defence. Demands for this reversal have been coming more strongly since the Germans overran Libya. The dual victory theory is held by British military experts, some Germans and a great many Americans. It is based on the thesis that (1) with needed aid from this country, British sea-power can prevent German victory until overwhelming British air superiority over Germany is achieved; (2) that through this air superiority German industry can then be shattered, and the war will be over. Unlike politicians, these military experts do not guarantee that American belligerency will not be required—in addition to peak industrial production—to prove the theory. But they are certain it can be proved unless the German arms should bring about an unexpected debacle in 1941.

Some Events Discounted

The advocates of this theory accordingly discount the Soviet-Japanese pact and the effect of the rapid conquest of Yugoslavia. While the Yugoslavs crumbled much more quickly than surveys had led Washington to expect, the theorists say enough time was lost to Hitler to be somewhat serviceable to the British and enough Serb enmity was engendered to threaten the essential German supply of aluminium from the mines in the Dinaric Alps.

As for the Moscow pact, Major Gen. John H. Russell, U.S.M.C., retired, writing in the "San Diego Union," says that the Japanese, observing the Battle of the Atlantic, have discovered that not fleet action, as previously, but engagements between small naval units decided the fate of supply lanes. From Singapore, he says, the operation of this strategy could sever Japan's life-lines, and the Germans have demonstrated to the Japanese that this is true. Therefore, he concludes, Japan will not engage in any great southward adventure.

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THE ELUSIVE COUNT VON LUCKNER

AFTER RABBITS OR PACIFIC SHIPS?

A BROADCAST to the United States by Edwin Hartrich, NBC representative, from the KZRH studio in Manila, said that the British and Dutch navies had been ordered to catch Count Felix von Luckner, famed German sea raider during the world war, who, it was claimed, is commanding a fleet of 12 German raiders in the Pacific.

Hartrich said he obtained the story from a skipper of a commercial vessel plying between the Dutch East Indies and Manila who was actually operating under instructions from a European admiralty. The story has been known to him for four or five months, Hartrich added.

Hartrich arrived in Manila April 17 from Saigon after a tour of the Far East. He is American correspondent for the London "News-Chronicle," "Newsweek" and North American Newspaper Alliance. He plans to spend about a month in the Philippines, in anticipation of "big news" which he expects will break here in a few weeks.

The first report linking the name of von Luckner with the ship sinkings in the Pacific broke out of Hong Kong on January 3 and was carried by the Associated Press. It said that survivors of two Norwegian merchantmen, one of which was said to have been sunk and the other seized were responsible for the story about von Luckner.

The story was that the crew of a Nazi sea raider boarded a Norwegian ship in Sumatran waters after an exchange of fire in which nine Norwegians were killed. The raider, first mistaken for a peaceful merchantman, turned out to be the Glen Line ship Glengarry, a new ship with a speed of 22 knots, which was seized by the Germans at Copenhagen and sent to the south Pacific by devious routes. Von Luckner himself, so the story goes, addressed the survivors, saying he regretted he had to fire. Altogether he treated the survivors with every consideration.

Headed For Kobe

The raider then went to the Indian ocean. She approached another Norwegian ship with her rails lowered and used shells to sink the vessel. The survivors were taken aboard the raider as captives, and the ship headed for Kobe, Japan, where the prisoners were placed aboard the Nazi liner Scharnhorst. Subsequently a number of the Norwegians were released and repatriation to Norway was arranged by British and Norwegian consular agents.

About the same time British naval officials in London said the commander of the German raider operating in the south Pacific area probably was von Luckner.

Then on February 14, in a broadcast from New York, Lowell Thomas, noted news commentator, read excerpts of a letter from von Luckner purporting to show that the day the famed sea raider was reported tracking down helpless British merchantmen in the south Pacific, he was hunting rabbits in Germany. The letter was mailed at Halle, Germany, on January 1, the day before London dispatches reported him commanding a sea raider.

The letter said in part: "I spend most of the time hunting on the Great Harz forest affid at Ingeborg. I am living in a log cabin. The snow is so high I am almost cut off from the outside world."

Anglo-Dutch Operations

Authoritative Batavia quarters said that the Dutch East Indies fleet was constantly cooperating with British fleet units against German sea raiders operating on the south Pacific.

The informants said there was no definite evidence that Count Felix von Luckner, famous German raider commander during the first world war, was again operating in the Pacific area as the commanding officer of a fleet of Nazi raiders. They added the Dutch fleet had no special orders to hunt for von Luckner.

An Australian who survived a

MUNITIONS CALL TO IDLE GIRLS

Recruit for munitions work the large number of girls who have left bombed areas and are living in idleness in safe towns and villages.

That call to the Minister of Labour is to be made by Sir Patrick Hannon, Conservative M.P. for Moseley, Birmingham, in Parliament.

He will ask the Minister also to "use power to prevent the demoralisation of these women, who should be employed in the service of their country."

In the Bridgwater district of Somerset the employment committee has formed a panel to plan engineering training for women who have been jobless for a month or more.

"Idling"

A member said: "It is a matter of national importance that evacuee girls and women should do something more definite than walking up and down the streets all day long."

"They are idling their time in the villages, too," said a country member, Mr. W. House. "They should be doing something."

But it was not only evacuees who came in for criticism. There are 370 local girls, too, who are not working.

CITRINE MUZZLED

Sir Walter Citrine, T.U.C. general secretary, has disclosed that he had refused to broadcast to North America because the censorship had forbidden something which he said was "in no sense secret or unknown to the enemy and was known throughout America."

When he returned from his mission to the trades unions and people of the United States the B.B.C. thought it desirable to provide facilities for him to broadcast to North America.

Among the things he wanted to tell his listeners was that he had seen convincing evidence of indiscriminate bombing since he got home.

The cutting out of what he wanted to say was not important. What was important and profoundly disturbing was the notion that seemed to prevail that responsible men could be dictated to as to what they felt able to say and that in any conflict of judgment the bureaucrat could muzzle the democrat.

German raider attack at sea some time ago, said he thought the German commander was called Luckner.—Associated Press.

PLOT TO POISON BRITISH WOUNDED

At least two attempts have been made to poison blood donated in New York for British wounded, Captain Charles Skully, of the American Red Cross, revealed to a New York correspondent.

HE BOOKED FIRST TOUR AFTER WAR

Looking ahead to victory, an ardent tourist has lodged with a leading travel agency his booking for a seat on the first sight-seeing trip to Europe after the war.

It is the first application of the kind received by any of the principal travel agencies.

Even with the advent of peace, the man who wants to be the first after-the-war tourist in Europe will have to do some waiting.

"The position of after-the-war tourism will be more difficult than it was after the last war," said an official of the company which has received this first booking.

"Then there were neutral 'tourist companies' which were untouched by war. Now almost every country has known the destruction of war."

New Frontiers

"There will be a shortage of ships, and those which are available will be needed to repatriate the soldiers and refugees from abroad."

"Destruction by bombing of ports and railways presents great difficulties. It will take at least a year to put harbours and ports in a condition to receive ships."

"The question of new frontiers will have to be settled before tickets over various railway systems can be issued."

"I imagine that even after the war, when the big job will be the reconstruction of Britain, some of the present restrictions on taking money out will still be applied."

"Nevertheless, as soon as it can be done after the war we shall resume our normal travel services."

9 CARAT WEDDING RINGS

There is such a shortage of wedding rings in the Midlands that brides may shortly have to wear a standard nine carat gold ring.

"The Government quota allows retailers and wholesalers to sell only twenty-five per cent. of the value of rings that they sold last year, while the demand through war weddings has increased by more than ten per cent," said a director of a jewellery firm.

"Twenty-two carat rings are a luxury to-day. Brides have to be content with a nine carat ring."

"The Government class wedding rings as a luxury, and manufacturers are still trying to convince the Board of Trade that the wedding ring in Britain is of high sentimental value."

CRAWLED IN 'PLANE FIRE TO SAVE PILOT

A BRITISH BOMBER lost height, crashed into a hillside, and burst into flames just after taking off with others for a night bombing mission to Italy. The captain of the plane extricated himself and saw three of his crew of four climbing out of the escape hatch.

He ordered them to run clear, then ran round the blazing wing in which full petrol tanks were burning, and crawled under it to rescue his injured second pilot.

Despite his own injuries—a cracked kneecap and severe contusions on the face and legs—he dragged and carried the pilot forty yards from the aircraft to a hole in the ground, where he lay on him just as the bombs exploded.

This gallant deed was performed in the dark under difficult conditions, and in the certain knowledge that the bombs and petrol tanks would explode.

The hero of this incident was Sergeant Raymond Mayhew Lewin. His name was in a list of R.A.F. awards.

He has been awarded the George Cross—second only to the V.C.

Brave Padre

Sergeant Lewin was born at Kettering, where his father lives. He was a chemist before enlisting in 1936 as a pilot under training.

The name of a padre also appears in the awards—the Rev. Stanley William Harrison, of Clare, Suffolk, who receives the George Medal.

An aircraft crashed and burst into flames about three miles from its aerodrome, and though it was not his duty to do so, Mr. Harrison boarded the ambulance going to the scene.

On arrival he plunged into the wreckage, and despite the scorching heat and exploding machine-gun bullets, dragged a member of the crew from the burning debris. He then supervised the work and led the fire-pickets himself, getting out a second man, and helping to remove a third.

Saved Trapped Man

The George Medal also goes to Flight-Lieutenant Donald Cecil Smythe, a Londoner, and Pilot-Officer Gerard Ryder, of Brester, Oxon.

Smythe, Ryder and a sergeant were the crew of an aircraft which crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off. Smythe and Ryder managed to extricate themselves, but the sergeant was trapped in his cockpit.

In spite of the fire and exploding incendiaries, the two officers re-entered the plane and extricated the trapped airman.

The George Medal has also been awarded to the following: Flying Officer Kenneth Leopold Nobbs (R.A.F.V.R.), Leading Aircraftman David Nelson, 2nd Class Aircraftman William Joseph Whyte, and Pilot Officer John Tregonwell Davison, New Zealand Air Force.

Davison's wireless operator, Sergeant Geoffrey William Brazier, has been awarded the Medal of the Military Division of the O.B.E. The O.B.E. (Military Division Medal) has also been awarded to Sergeant Alfred William Wood.

THE NEW COURAGE

Plea for a new form of courage—financial courage—so that the fighting Forces can be assured of the best war implements was made by Lord Mottistone, Chairman of the National Savings Committee, when he opened Ely (Cambridgeshire) War Weapons week.

If we were to finance the war successfully without enduring the evils of inflation, he said, the volume of savings must be considerably increased.

"I appeal to you frankly to double your effort. The nation stands united and resolute. Our achievements on the sea and in the air, and recently in North and East Africa on the land, show that we have the power to strike great blows in the cause of freedom."

SANDMAN HELPED VICTORIES

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

In the garage of a house on Shooter's Hill, London, S.E., a man played with sand.

He pored over the minute grains through a microscope, weighed them, raised miniature desert storms with them.

And this study helped to get the British Army to Bardia and Tobruk, Derna and Benghazi, at a speed which sent the Italian Empire rocking on its heels.

When Ralph Alger Bagnold, retired major of Signals, experimented in his father's garage, his researches were at first on an unspectacular scale.

"But they became more elaborate," Colonel A. H. Bagnold told me. "My son began to carry out experiments with wind tunnels raising his own sandstorms."

"Gave Italians Hell"

"The stuff got all over the place and"—with a laugh—"I had to turn him out in the end. Thereafter his more ambitious experiments were conducted at South Kensington."

The story of Major Bagnold's achievements has now been disclosed by Sir George Sansom, visiting professor at Columbia University, New York, who said that Bagnold's "passionate interest" in sand was at least partly responsible for our North African triumphs.

But Major Bagnold played more than an academic part in the Libyan campaign. He commanded a select little party of officers who gave the Italians hell.

Setting out in specially equipped desert cars, the party made forays far into the desert, popping up at the gates of distant garrisons and driving the Italians out into the arid sands.

"My son's last trip before the war," said Colonel Bagnold, "was to the border of the Libyan desert and the Sudan; the objective a raised plateau on a range of mountains."

"This plateau, the Gils Kebbir, was supposed to be inaccessible, but my son and his companions made light of the task, got on top of it with a car, and ran all over the flat. On that remote plateau he found ancient footmarks in the sandstone."

EQUALITY IN DEATH

Squire's son, labourer's son. . . They should have the same kind of memorial if they give their lives for their country.

This was the gist of remarks made by Mr. H. King, Chancellor of the Chester Diocese at Chester Consistory Court.

Mr. King adjourned an application made by Mr. S. B. Kerr, of Frodsham, who applied for a faculty to place a memorial tablet at Frodsham Church to commemorate his son, Flying-Officer Malcolm Kerr, who was killed over Dunkirk.

The Chancellor said:

"I think it is a sensible idea that the distinction in commemoration should be as slight as possible. For instance, you might have a squire's son killed by a bomb, and a labourer's son killed in the air. The labourer's father probably would not be able to afford a memorial, but the squire might. That points to a desirability of equality for the highest and the lowest in the matter of individual memorials."

Mr. Kerr agreed to consider the suggestion made by the Chancellor, and the matter will be dealt with at the next Consistory Court.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

VERY HEAVY R.A.F. bombing attacks on enemy aerodromes and landing fields in Cyrenaica are recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which states: "Iraq—throughout Monday aircraft of the R.A.F. maintained constant patrols over Iraq positions outside Habbaniyah R.A.F. station."

Motor transport and personnel were bombed and several direct hits registered on gun positions. Results of the shelling of the R.A.F. station and of a little machine-gun fire were negligible.

Iraqi military positions were bombed at Diwaniya and many direct hits were obtained on barracks and administrative buildings.

Motor transport at Falluja was also hit.

Cyrenaica—a very heavy bombing attack was made during the night of May 4/5 on Benghazi harbour, Benina aerodrome and landing fields at Barce, Derna and Gazala.

At least five enemy aircraft were destroyed by fire at Benina, including one or more large Focke-Wulf Condor troop carrying aircraft.

Enemy aircraft were also machine-gunned at Benina and Derna while fires and explosions occurred at Benghazi and Barce.

Heavy Damage

Our fighters and bombers were active attacking enemy mechanised units in the Bardia, El Adem, Capuzzo and Sollum areas. Considerable damage was done to vehicles and personnel. Crete—enemy aircraft raided Crete on May 4 but our fighters

intercepted and shot down one JU 88 and damaged several others while A.A. fire damaged several more.

Byssinia—aircraft of the R.A.F. and S.A.A.F. continued harassing operations against the enemy in the few areas still held by them.

From all these operations two of our aircraft are missing."—British Wireless.

WIDOW'S £1,750 DAMAGES

Total agreed damages of £1,750 were awarded by Mr. Justice Cassels in the King's Bench Division to Mrs. Joan Kathleen Berry, who has a baby daughter, in respect of the death of her husband, Mr. William Andrew Berry, commercial traveller, of Denver Road, Dartford, Kent.

He was a passenger in a car which was in collision with a lorry owned by Mr. Noel Douglas Thorne, of Mareschal Road, Guildford, against whom judgment with costs was entered.

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BRIDGE NOTES

TOO MUCH TRAPPING

By The Four Aces

"Please settle this argument for us," writes F. R. S., of Hartford, Conn. "My partner and I have agreed that one of us belongs in the booby hatch — so think your answer over carefully.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South part score 60

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K 7 3

♠ 10 7 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 10

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♠ 9 4
♥ J 10 8 4
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

♠ A Q 8 6 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 9 5 4
♣ A

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
Pass Pass

"There are thirteen tricks in top cards, yet we didn't even explore possibilities! And here are the contents:

"South maintains that he could not go past two spades for fear North had a really miserable hand. In that case, he might have trouble making even two spades, despite his four aces.

"North maintains that he was 'trapping' — underbidding his hand in the hope of luring the enemy into a defensive bid. Then he would pounce on them with a double. He admits that such bidding occasionally leads to less of a Slam, but contends that it pays dividends in the long run.

"There you are. Which of us needs a keeper?"

Tell North to sit calmly until the man in the white coat comes and takes him away. Trapping does pay big dividends but only if the opponents can conceivably bid. North's hand was far too strong for the opponents to have any likely bid, so he should have made a strong bid at his second turn. North was like the man who used the best bait in the world—but did his fishing in the bathtub!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:
Maler Jacoby Schenken You
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♠
2♦ 3♣ Pass 3NT
Dbl. Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: It's a close point whether to pass or redouble. In this case, because you have been doubled by a very fine player, you pass; if the doubler were an average player you should redouble. You have more than enough value for your bids, and your partner's pass indicates a willingness to play at no-trump.

Score 100% for pass, 80% for redouble, 40% for five clubs, 20% for four clubs.

Question No. 709

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 3
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ J 7 2

The bidding:
Jacoby You Maler Schenken
Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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REPUTATION NOT HURT, SAYS JUDGE

Only the husband could have heard the slander, if it had been uttered, and it is difficult to see how the wife's reputation could have suffered."

Mr. Justice Tucker said this in the King's Bench Division when he dismissed, with costs, the slander action brought by Mrs. Bettina Rosina Morris, costumer, against Cumberland Hotel, Limited, of Sherwood Street, London, W.

Mrs. Morris complained that when she was being visited by her husband at the hotel, words were used by the inquiry superintendent which suggested she was unchaste.

The Judge said that according to the version of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, the inquiry superintendent said, "This is a respectable hotel," and Mrs. Morris was told to pack her luggage and leave.

The inquiry superintendent, Mr. Britton, said he went to point out the hotel rule that when persons of opposite sexes visited each other in single bedrooms the door should be left ajar, and said that if Mrs. Morris could not comply with it she had better leave.

He (the Judge) accepted Mr. Britton's version in preference to that of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

DESTINY DATE FOR BRIDES

(By A Special Correspondent.)
For four generations menfolk in the Storer family have taken brides whose birthdays fall on the same date.

The last Mr. Storer to marry is Henry—of Grayville Road, London, S.W. His wife's birthday is on the same date as the birthdays of his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

This choosing of brides born under the same star has been unintentional, though.

"It's just a coincidence," the eldest surviving Mr. Storer told me. "But there must be something lucky about it—we've all had the best wives you could wish for."

It certainly makes you think. When grandma died twelve years ago it was on grandpa's birthday. And when grandpa—Mr. James Storer—died recently, it was on grandma's birthday. "We never really thought about it until my father died," Mr. W. J. Storer, who lives at Melody Road, London, S.W., told me. "It is an amazing coincidence."

REJECT WOMEN CHIEFS

Because two inspectors just appointed by a bus company are women, other employees threaten to strike.

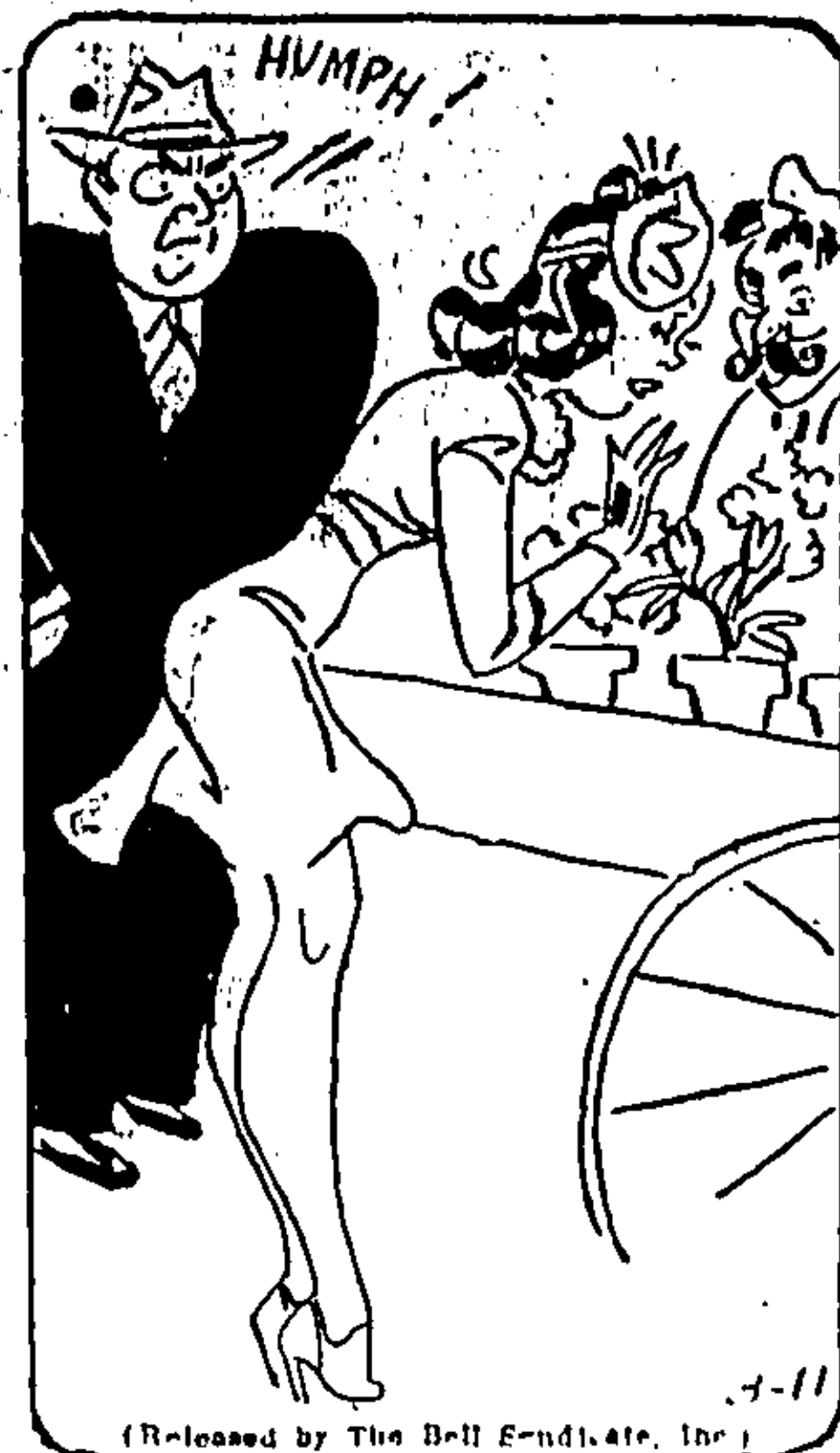
Unless the Western National Omnibus Co. withdraw the women, say Taunton employees, work will cease.

Taunton men resent having women placed over them, and girl conductors take the same attitude.

"We would not mind men, but we object to girls being made inspectors who, until a few days ago, were conductors like ourselves," the women say. The women inspectors are paid the same rate as men—a little over 28 a week without war bonus, which is above the wage of drivers.

"We have no complaints against the efficiency of the women; they are doing wonderful war work," said one of the men. "But men ought to have been given the jobs."

The bus company is owned by the railways and the N.U.R. is trying to settle the dispute.



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You no longer are of the younger generation when you let a dose of spring fever get you down.

HE'S A WALKING BUREAU

Hands in pockets, eyes and mind on the alert, Mr. Murray, walking Y. M. C. A. information bureau, strolled up and down Waterloo Station in search of "lost" people.

For London is a new strange land to many soldiers, sailors and airmen.

"Can you tell me where I can leave my girl-friend when I go to see my wife?" asked a young north country soldier.

A slouching Scotsman slowly said: "My brother, Jock—I've not seen him for ten long years—asked me to meet him here at Waterloo Station to-night. I can't remember what he looks like, but I do know he will be wearing tartan trousers. Can ye help me to find him?"

An Australian sergeant, almost in tears, rushed up to Mr. Murray, panting breathlessly: "For four hours have I watched that so-and-so board to see what time a train was going to Southampton. Now I give up. Aren't there any durned trains going that way?"

He had been watching the arrival indicator.

Goes By Shape

But Mr. Murray does not always wait for the men to ask him questions. He keeps his eyes open for likely customers.

Several times he had noticed a lad studying the indicator. When the lad saw the friendly smile of Mr. Murray, he burst out, in nasal accent: "I want to go to Aldershot."

Together they searched the indicator. "There it is," said Mr. Murray. "In twenty minutes' time from platform—"

The lad grinned apologetically explained that he could neither read nor write. Then he added, with great pride, "But I can pick out 'Southampton' by the shape of the word."

Springtime And Children's Health.

To many children, Spring is a time of difficulty. The change in weather conditions and the fickleness of the temperature affect them; they get off colour, fall victim to colds, and to stomach and bowel troubles.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Falling Hair In Spring

Don't be alarmed if your hair is falling out when you comb or brush it. Hair has a tendency to fall out during early or late spring, depending upon the individual's body mechanism, and new hair is most likely beginning to grow.

But it is this new hair which we must pamper and encourage. It starts to grow just when our vitality is likely to be at its lowest after months of winter weather and confinement. Perhaps our grandmothers realised this and so insisted upon giving or taking a "spring tonic" concentrated nourishment for the blood which in turn would feed the hair and revitalise it.

The spring tonic idea is still a good one. You can ask your physician for the name of a well-balanced tonic or for the vitamin combination which you might now need. Get out into the fresh air and sunshine too - they help as much as any tonic you can take.

External Care

Both men and women should adopt a scalp care schedule and follow it faithfully for at least two months. Daily, or three times a week, application of a good scalp tonic. You can determine which tonic to use by examining your scalp. Is your hair dry or oily? Do you have dandruff? Is your hair falling more than it should? Buy the corrective preparation and use it. After applying it massage your head well with your fingers for at least five minutes. Then brush your hair from the roots out to the very ends.

Too frequent washing of the hair is not good. Try to go three weeks without a soap shampoo. Between shampoos you can clean your hair by stuffing your brush with cotton, or by using one of those good dry shampoos.

Very dry hair should be treated with hot oil the night before a shampoo or just previous to the shampoo. Some hairdressers scorn this old-fashioned remedy but



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other outstanding hairdressers say "oil, and more oil for dry hair or for hair that has been tinted or bleached."

If you want luxurious hair you cannot discount any step of the suggested treatment. Along with all that external care you should rest and eat well, keep your head covered when you are in strong

sun, occasionally change your part, have your hair trimmed every three months (especially if you have permanents), and have it set with very diluted lotion or with plain water.

You'll find that your hair will respond to good treatment and its latent beauty will blossom with the flowers of spring!

Vitamin G Necessary to Normal Hair Growth, Also to Skin Beauty



—RITA HAYWORTH has luxuriant hair and skin texture which all her friends envy. She gets sufficient Vitamin G!

I hope that those of you who have been following these vitamin articles realise that a balanced diet, which contains some of each known vitamin, is necessary to health and beauty. A deficiency in any one of these vitamins is bound to be revealed in one way or the other.

For instance a deficiency in Vitamin G causes digestive disturbances, lack of vigour, impaired growth, loss of hair, cataract, ulceration of the tongue, loss of weight. It is also said that sterility in male or female is partly caused by a deficiency of Vitamin G.

Vitamin G improves growth and is very important to children as it promotes health. It is found in these foods: spinach, cabbage, bananas, liver, kidney, prunes, ripe plantains, turnip, carrot, beet tops, dried peas, veal, beef, malted milk, eggs, buttermilk, yeast, asparagus, avocado pear, watercress, coconut and cauliflower.

So if you have any of the ailments listed at the beginning of this column you should eat more of the food listed directly above.

How Much Needed?

Dr. Cassimir Funk, the vitamin man, tells us that an infant requires 750 grammes of Vitamin G each day. Adolescents require 1,000 grammes; adults, 1,000 grammes; and expectant mothers 1,500 grammes. Vitamin G is also known as Vitamin B₇, riboflavin and luteoflavin. It is a very important vitamin as you may judge. If your doctor tells you that you

are most deficient in this vitamin you may take it in concentrated form until you correct what ails you, then you should see that your daily menus supply you with the foods which contain it. Just to give you some idea of how much of these foods you should eat to get sufficient Vitamin G daily, I shall quote Dr. Funk again: 4½ ounces of egg yolk supplies enough for a child daily. 6 ounces of prunes supplies enough for an adolescent. 12 ounces of beef supplies enough for an adult.

4 ounces of liver supplies enough for an expectant mother. Now let me hasten to caution you not to eat daily these suggested doses. No adult wants 12 ounces of beef every day. He should get his Vitamin G by eating a portion of several of the foods listed which contain Vitamin G—balance his menus. For instance, one egg, five prunes, a slice of liver and a serving of cabbage and carrots will supply about what you need in a day. A child should have an egg, prunes or a banana and some vegetables.

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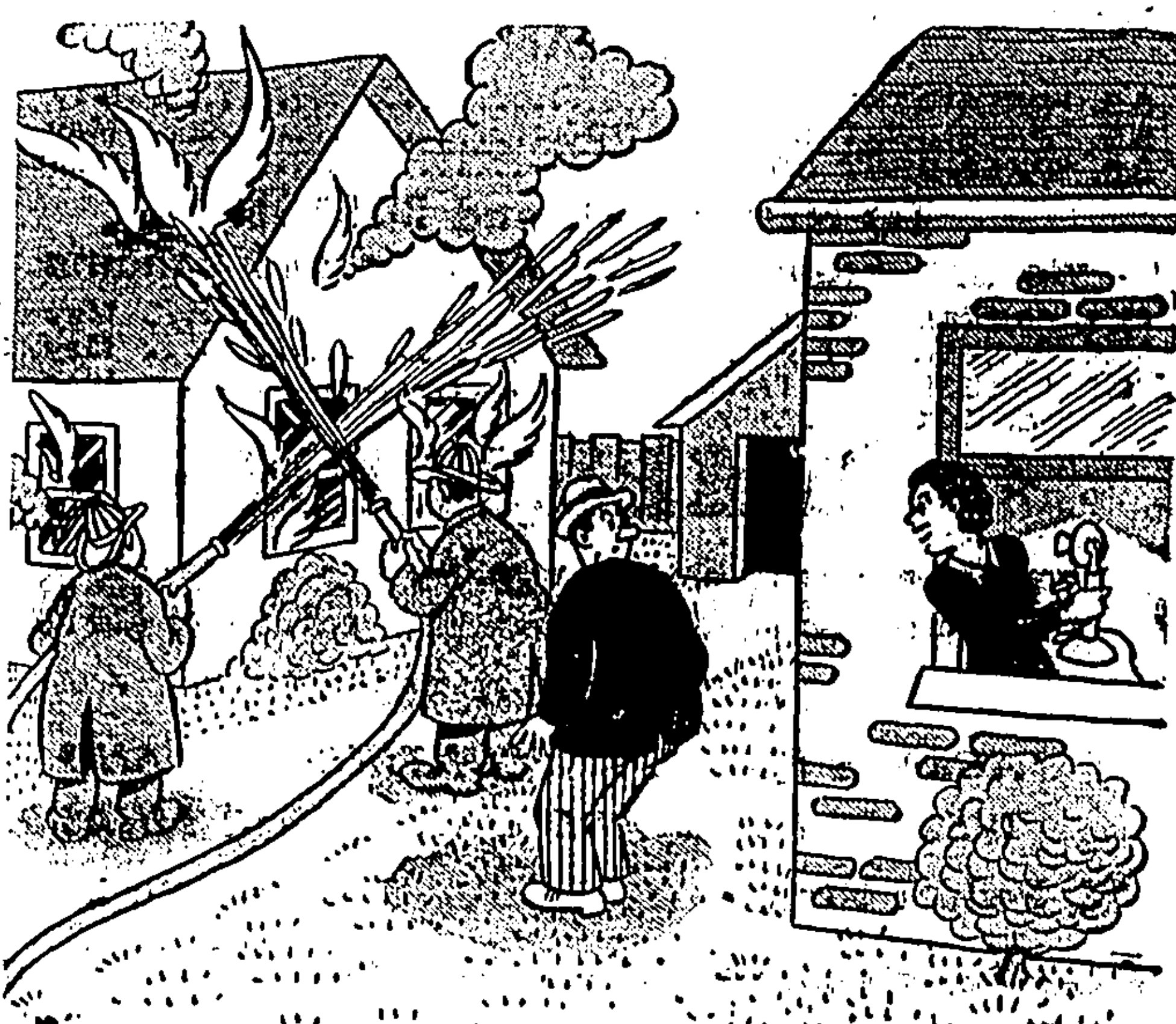
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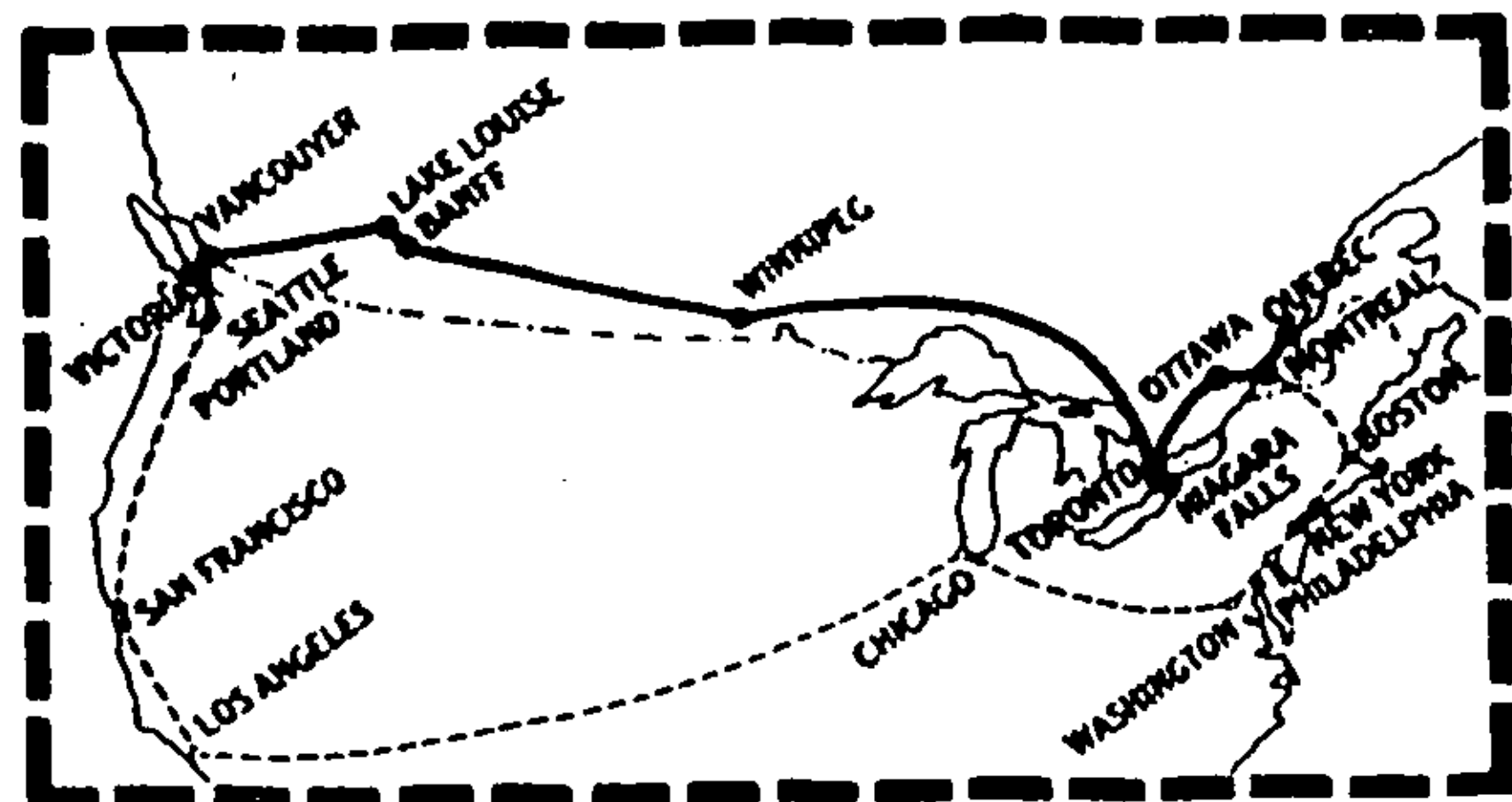
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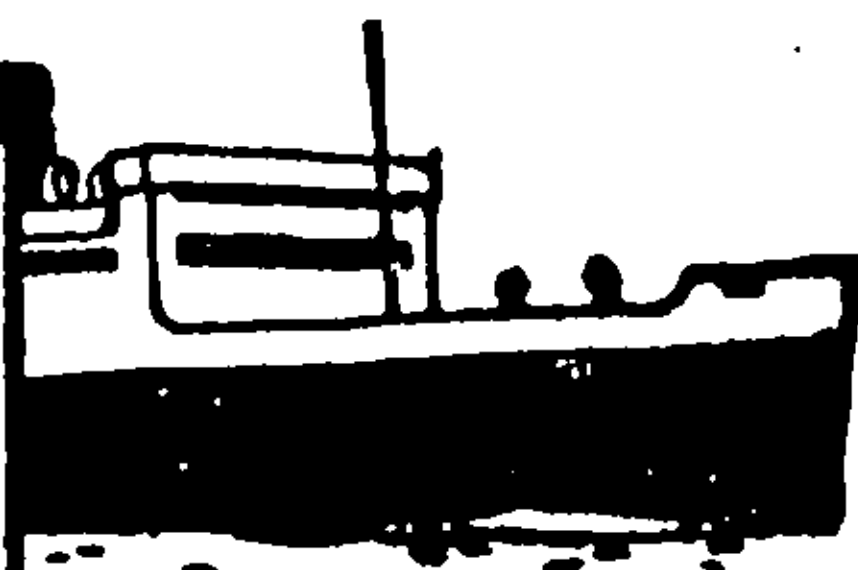
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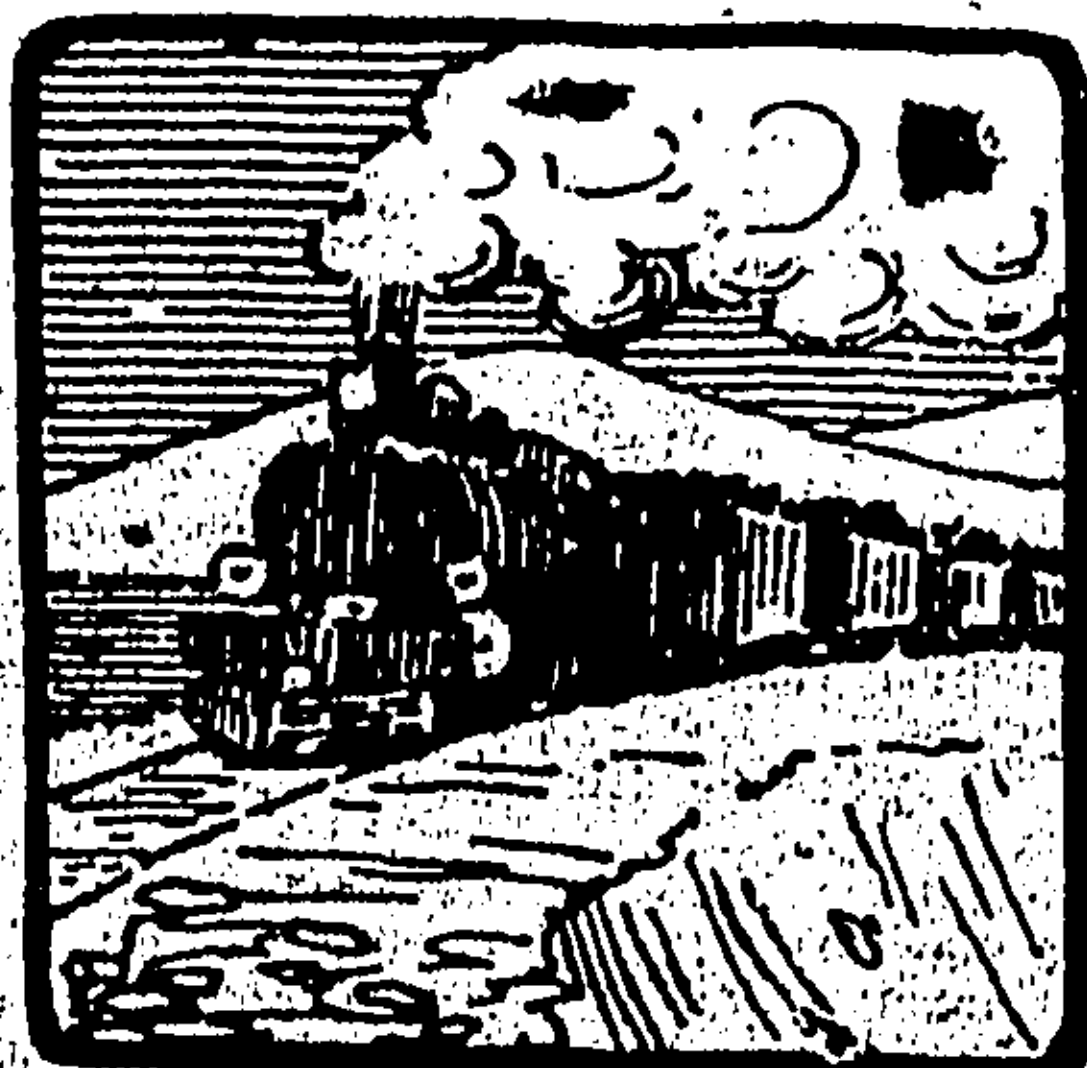
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Home Guards—March (Welsh);
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The Shade of the Palm (from "Florodora"); Star of my Soul (from "The Geisha")...Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Portrait of a Toy Soldier (Ewing);
March of the Toys (from Babes in Toyland)...Foden's Motor Works Band. So we'll go no more a-roving (Byron & White)...Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Piano. Am-parito Roca—Spanish March (Text-dor)...The Orchestra of H.M. Royal Marines.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please Teacher".
1.18 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.
L'Heure Exquise (Hahn); The Violin Song (from "Tina"); The Child and his Dancing Doll (Jonny Heykens); Spanish Serenade (Jonny Heykens) assisted by J. Byfield (Piano) and J. Samehlini ('Cello').
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Chloe; Jam Session; And the Angels Sing; Rose of Washington Square; I'll Always be in love with you; Make Believe; One Sweet Letter from You; Scatterbrain; Can't You Tell?
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. Chiu Chin Chow—Selection (Norton) Gaumont British Orchestra cond. by Louis Levy. "Monsieur Beaucaire"—English Maids; Red Rose...Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra. "Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutsum)—The New Mayfair Orchestra. "Veronique"—Trot here and there (Donkey Duet)...Winnie Melville & Derek Oldham with Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—A Liaz Programme. Scherzo and March...Louis Kentner (Piano); Polohaise No. 2...State Opera Orchestra; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 8...Louis Kentner (Piano).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell. Suite for Strings—1st Mov.: Andante maestoso (quasi adagio)—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Tempo di Minuetto; 3rd Mov.: Andantino; 4th Mov.: Allegretto giocoso; 5th Mov.: Largo; 6th Mov.: Allegro...Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli. Passing By...The Kentucky Minstrels, soloist—John Duncan. The Faery Queen—Three Dances—Hornpipe; Rondeau; Jig...The Jacques String Orchestra. Chaconne...Society of Ancient Instruments.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 6 Stevenson. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).
The Pearl Fishers (Bizet)—Cavatine de Lella: Comme autrefois dans la nuit sombre; C'est lui, mes yeux l'ont reconnu...with Orchestra. Serenade (Toselli—D'Amor)...with Piano and 'Cello.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—New Variety. Vocal—Irish Washerwoman (Traditional); In the Mood (Andy Razaf-Joe Garland)...The Four King Sisters with Orchestra. Instru.—Alamo March; Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine—Waltz...Charles Kama & his Moana Hawaiians. Instru.—South (Charles & others); Don't Leave Me Now ("Slim") West—Jimmie Davis)...Two Guitars and A Bass with singing. Instru.—Maori Brown Eyes...Manny Klein's Hawaiians with Vocal Refrain. Vocal—How Come You Do Me Like You Do? (Gene Austin—Bergero); Smoke Gets in your Eyes (from "Roberta")...Dinah Shore with Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solos by Reginald Foot.
Reminiscences of Film—Intro.: Indian Love Call; The Mounties; Chanson; The door of my dreams; Rose Marie; March of the Vagabonds; Only a Rose; L'amour toujours l'amour; Serenade. Lover. Come Back to Me; One Kiss (both from "New Moon"—Romberg). Seville (Haydn Wood)...with Orch.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Correspondence Column"—Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano) & Dorothy Lamour (Vocal). Blue Moon (Hart—Rodgers); You and the Night and the Music (from revue "Stop Press")...Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. Panamians (film "Swing High, Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday")...Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orchestra. I'm in love with the Honourable Mrs. So and So (film "Society Lawyer")...Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. I Gotta Right to sing the Blues (Koehler—Arlen)...Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orch.
10.35 p.m.—Dance Music. Quick-Step—This Can't Be Love (film "Up and Doing"); Fox-Trot—When Night Is Through...Joe Loss and his Band. Rumba—Caramba; Pasodoble—Alfonso...Tejada and his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—You're a Lucky Guy; You're Just a No-Account...Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra. Slow—Fox-Trot—Bon Voyage, Cherie; Waltz—Love Never Grows Old...Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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Canucks Beaten In Pre-Season Fixture

BATting HONOURS FOR TOMMY TOMASHEVSKY

By "Grandstand"

ROYAL ENGINEERS triumphed over the Canadians 5-3 in a friendly, pre-season baseball tilt at Caroline Hill last Saturday. It was a close game, featured by Engineer hurler Sarsfield's fine debut on the hill. Working for seven frames, Sarsfield whiffed one, passed four and scattered five hits, whilst "Wild Bill" Smith for the losers fanned four, walked six and doled out two safeties.

Canadians lost the toss and went in to bat first. Johnnie Fisher rapped out a stinging two-bagger and burgled the payoff station to chalk up the first counter for the Canucks.

Gas Oliver drew a pass on the gravy train and pilfered second, but the scoring threat was snuffed with a brilliant double killing, when centre-fielder Ratcliffe clamped his hands on Bakar's towering fly, and relayed to second to erase Oliver, who had started for the home-plate with the crack of the bat.

The boys in khaki went into the lead as Shaw, Foley and Fox dented the station in their half of the chapter, on a measly single and two walks assisted by three miscues. With two gone in the second semester, keystoneer Wally "Sarge" Welford booted Victor Lin's easy grounder for another Canadian marker to trickle over the plate.

Two Free Passes

In the third stanza, after Foley grounded and Fox had popped out, "Wild Bill" conceded two successive passes to put ducks in the pond, both runners eventually scoring on "Cyclone" Bakar's expensive bobble of Ratcliffe's roller. After Tomashevsky had poled out a triple in the fourth, the Olivermen crossed up a run-and-hit set-up as Bill Pullen and Blak popped out weakly. For the remainder of the game both sides dished out air-tight fielding, with the Canadians pushing over one more tally on two successive hits in the sixth.

Canuck keystoneer Tommy Tomashevsky was the big gun of the day, clouting two of his team's five blows, one of which was good for a three-bagger, the longest blow of the fray, whilst right gardener Cork ripped one through the infield for the Sappers in his only trip to the plate.



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SUGGESTIONS TO H.K.F.A.

Several suggestions were drawn up at the meeting of the Referee's Association at their meeting yesterday to be presented to the Football Association for consideration at the annual meeting.

The suggestions included an all-round increase in fees; travelling expenses; as the Navy and Army had no local handbook, the rules for Kotewall Cup matches be included the H.K.F.A. handbook; the Referees' Association should receive written information as to whether a referee was the sole judge whether a ground was fit for play; the grounds at Happy Valley should be marked off on the day of League games; official line-men should be provided where teams were running neck and neck for the championship; fees or medals be given in charity matches.

Mr. Beard in his talk on football said in part:-

I consider that one of the most important things which it is necessary for a referee to possess, is a good sense of human nature and I am of the firm opinion that it is most necessary for every referee to make a study of human nature.

There are games in which it is necessary for the referee to find out, as quickly as possible, the temperaments of the majority of the players on the field, and when one realises there is only a maximum of 70 minutes, in most games in the Colony, in which this can be done, it is no mean task, especially when one must take into consideration the fact that every one of the 22 players may be "weighing up" the referee with an equally keen sense of human nature.

In most games the referee has to do most of his summing up within the first 10 or 15 minutes. To explain just what I am driving at, take the player who, on the spur of the moment, brings down his man in a way not allowed by the Book. Very often it is quite obvious, although it was intentional, there was no real badness in his tackle and, in these cases, I find as a general rule, a word of warning, when you are next near this player, all that is necessary. We should always remember that there are but few of us who have not done something much the same, in our playing days, without having the slightest ill-feelings towards our opponent. I find the same kind of warning is generally all that is required in the case of the chap who gets so keen as to be dangerous. His charges or tackles are not made with the intention of hurting his opponent, and a friendly word will often curb his keenness.

Players who commit such offences, are not, usually, much trouble to the referee.

Then we get the player who cannot stand being beaten by a better man without having to show his resentment in no uncertain manner. In a case like this, I have found, it is very little use just giving a word of warning without stopping the game. The nature of the chap who cannot stand being beaten is not, as a rule, one who will take a friendly tip from the referee. Here, I most certainly consider it advisable, the referee should, on the very first occasion, be very definite in the way he informs the player that he has seen the offence, and there will not be another one allowed to happen without the offender being told to "GO!"

Injured Innocence

Now I must speak of the player whom I consider the most troublesome: the man with the permanent air of injured innocence: you must all have experienced such a player. Everytime he is rubbed of the ball, he has been fouled, and should if you be given against him, but go his arms in an appeal to his fellow players and spectators. If he handles the ball, and you award a free kick against him, he can always show you the mark on his forehead where the ball hit him. Despite the fact that he is rubbing his wrist or arm, as if he is being unfairly treated, he never has less than three opponents in front of him or was at least five yards behind him when it was last played. I really consider this type of WHINING player is very difficult to deal with, and very often it is necessary for the referee to put up with quite a lot before he has a definite case of unsportsmanlike conduct. Now, for a word about the player who tries to bluff the referee into giving something for nothing. How often have you said to yourself, "Was he tripped?" "Is he really hurt?" And you have to make your mind up, in a fraction of a second. It is certainly possible, especially in the case of



injury, for a player to bluff you the first time, as to the degree of injury, but if a close watch is kept on the quick way in which he recovers, well—do not let him bluff you a second time!

I have often asked myself the question "Is it human nature for a player to be loyal to his team and the referee?" All players expect—and quite rightly, too—the referee to be unbiassed; in other words equally loyal to both teams. But how often do you find that a player is often very pleased if he can handle the ball without being seen and will even boast to his fellow players, in the dressing room or bus, of what he has "got away with" during the game.

Referees Must Be Fit

These incidents are, of course, more likely to happen in junior matches in the Colony, where the referee is on his own, which only goes to emphasise the fact that the referee must make a special effort towards keeping himself fit for junior games owing to the necessity for his closer contact with the play than is really the case in the Senior Shield and League games or Representative matches, where he has the assistance of two other qualified referees.

In conclusion, I would like to refer to incidents which happen, which make it difficult to act against human nature. Take the case of a goal-kick, after a scramble on the goal line, and an appeal is made for a corner and a defending player tells you the ball came off his foot before going out of play. Now it is only human nature to admire that player for his honesty and act upon his word BUT it is also very essential to bear in mind how this might react. Let us suppose a goal is awarded later in the same match against this defending player's side and the same player comes up and tells the referee that the scorer of the goal handled the ball before scoring. If you HAD acted on his version of the corner incident, by changing your decision, isn't it only logical for the man to expect you to take his word and act on it when it is to the advantage of his own side? The moral is, I am sure, obvious, to all—"make your own decisions and stick to them."

Tribute To Mr. Minihan

I wish to take this opportunity of saying a few words on Mr. Minihan's departure from the Colony. It came as a great shock to me and I know it will to you all, when I learnt of his leaving. His splendid work on our committee and as Hon. Secretary of Army Referees' Committee, Hong Kong, is well known and has earned him respect of all workers and followers of soccer here.

During his sojourn here, he had one object in view, the betterment of the game both from the referees' and administration point of view.

No one realises more than I do how he will be missed by this Association and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his loyal support to me since I have occupied the chair, and on behalf of this Association, I wish him the very best of luck in the future and continued success in the soccer world.

The Navy's Share

Mr. Glover, Hon. Sec., R.N.R.M. Referees' Association, said:-

There is little I can add to our Chairman's remarks about our esteemed colleague excepting that it came also as a great blow to me because by this I lose a personal friend and the R.A. a valuable member.

We have agreed and disagreed times out of number but at all times have I been struck by his untiring and unselfish work for the R.A., and the betterment of the game in Hong Kong.

He has just lately planted seeds, the fruit of which will no doubt benefit the referees and our Association in general and I only regret he will not be here to see them bear that fruit. On behalf of the Navy Association I wish him good luck.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

South China will meet Royal Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. to-day in a friendly soccer game.

V.R.C. MEETING

The annual meeting of Victoria Recreation Club will be held in the clubhouse at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. tennis committee held on Monday it was decided to hold the Y.M.C.A. Member's Singles handicap championship for the Weall Cup during May and June. Entries close on May 11. Entry lists are open at Y.M.C.A.

EASTERN GIVEN PERMISSION

At a special meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association, Eastern were given permission to tour Australia.

The team will leave some time this week and will include a number of Sing Tao players. The first game will be played at Sydney on May 30. In all 17 games have been arranged to be played.

Following are the players making the tour.

Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao).

Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern).
Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao).
Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao).
Y. S. Yeng (Eastern).

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Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao).
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Hau Ching-to (Eastern).
C. T. Tsao (Eastern).
Ip Pak-wah (Sing Tao).
Manager—Mr. Chen Fok-yu.
Hon. Secretaries—Mr. Wellington Woo and Sui Tim-ling.

BILLIARDS

RECREIO BEAT K.C.C.

Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club played a return billiards and snooker match at K.C.C. last night, the visitors winning by seven games to one.

Results, K.C.C. players being mentioned first:

Billiards—J. H. S. Duncan lost to E. M. Soares, 116-200 (Soares's best break 37); E. C. Curtis beat C. Cunha, 150-110; F. R. Zimmerman lost to J. O. Remedios, 198-200; A. H. Martin lost to P. A. Yanovich, 72-150.

Snooker—J. R. Luke lost to J. E. Noronha, 80-104 (Noronha's best break 17); T. W. Carr lost to A. A. Noronha, 62-131 (Noronha's best break 22); A. Bone lost to J. C. Remedios, 46-163; R. J. Fenton lost to C. F. Rozario, 90-93.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:-

RECREIO

First Division "A" (v K.C.C., Away)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. Rosa Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" (v I.R.C., Home)
H. R. Pinna, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, Eddie Sousa and Bebe Basto (Skip).

A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division (v K.T.G.A., Away)
E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, A. V. Barros and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

G. A. Ribeiro, N. Beltrao, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip).

E. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios and J. A. Remedios (Skip).

Third Division (v Police, R.C., Home)
G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, F. J. A. Marques and P. A. Yanovich (Skip).

Pat d'Almeida, B. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

A. A. Lopez, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca and M. Alvarez (Skip).

H.K.S.R.C.
W. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip).

R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip).

A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler and C. E. Gahagan (Skip).

£500,000 GOES TO THE DOGS EACH WEEK IN ENGLAND

MORE THAN £500,000 is being gambled on the dogs in this rough old island week by week, writes Paul Irwin in the "Sunday Express."

I am not rushing in to condemn such big-scale betting even if there is a war on. Far from it. If you say that £500,000 would buy a lot of Savings Certificates, I answer that it would buy half a million pounds' worth. No more, no less.

All I do here is to pinpoint the great greyhound mystery for mystery it is. Facts and figures from all over the country show that the average dog follower's betting budget is around the £3 a week mark.

Ponder that fact. Money is tight. We are taxed to the eyebrows. Prices are soaring. We are asked to lend to win this war. And yet, on average, the dog fan gambles £3 a week.

The Figure

How do I get that figure? Here's the way of it. Working on tote returns and the volume of betting with the bookmakers, I estimate that twenty tracks in and around London give £230,000-£250,000.

The total attendance figures each week are about 80,000. So a little simple arithmetic soon shows that the £3 average stands so far as the London area is concerned.

Now there are fifty odd tracks, including those outside the National Greyhound Racing Club, in the provinces. Many do business every bit as good as the Londoners.

Liverpool way, I am told, £5,600 passed through the tote machines—this when the crowd was about 2,000. And another northern track recently showed £9,584 in tote wagers from a 5,000 crowd.

So it goes on. Newcastle has four tracks. The most popular, it is estimated does between £5,000 and £6,000 business weekly.

In London

Now switch back to London. Last December a couple of tracks—one in the north, the other in the south—pulled in more than £40,000 on the tote between them.

The rush to the windows for 2s. tickets was so brisk at one stad-

ium that the staff was overwhelmed. When race intervals were increased, 4,000 more tickets were sold on the next event.

Now I don't need to tell you that there is nothing so timid as £40,000. I hope, too, that I don't really have to explain that when you bet on the tote the money is not sunk for all the gamblers all the time.

As a fact the tote offers a fair bet, as fair as you'll get anywhere. With the exception of six per cent kept by the tracks for overheads and their slice of profit, the public get back all the cash—the winners get it, anyhow. "Really, there is precious little won or lost by the greyhound racing regular," said a London track official. "Mind you, I'm talking about the man or woman who plays the tote."

"I'll be frank. Figures show that over a period, say a season, the average any one wins or loses is about 1s. 6d. It may not seem that way if they have a run of luck, good or bad, but that's how we work it out."

"Relaxation"

"They can't win in the end? Well there's always that six per cent, which we keep. That never goes back. Yet, taking it all the way round, we give real relaxation—the thrill of a gamble—at a cost comparing pretty favourably with the cinemas or soccer. And don't forget this. You'll never stop the Englishman having a flutter on a horse or a dog."

Who are these gamblers? War workers (with a bit of extra cash), men in the Services, Civil Defence workers—"the old gang in uniforms."

Even the Army believes the Tommy is better off for a mild gamble. Anyhow, one brigadier arranged a dog meeting, stumping up twenty-five guineas for a cup and getting private owners to lend their greyhounds.

Now for something about the lean, clean-limbed dogs that go to make up the animated roulette they call greyhound racing. The National Greyhound Racing Club have about 6,000 animals register-

Tsui Yan-pui Favoured For First Singles Title Recent Impressive Form

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's programme:—

OPEN SINGLES

Final
Tsui Wai-pui v Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Final
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15.2) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (—15.2) (8).

ed with them to-day. It used to be more, many more, before the war.

What It Costs

The cost to kennel a dog at the top-class tracks is anything between 15s. and £1. For that the greyhound is trained, graded for races, given his eat—"Nothing that's fit for human consumption," I am assured—and the chance to win some money for this boss.

Fifteen shillings a week to keep a dog! Why, it only costs 8s. 6d. to house and feed a child evacuee over the same span of time. Why this? Maybe the answer is that no child evacuee ever ran fast enough to win the Dog Derby.

Think it over.

CINEMA CLUB

Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Cinema Club are asked to note that the meeting originally arranged for to-day has been postponed until Monday, May 19, when a programme of films depicting war scenes, and some comedy reels will be presented.

The meeting, which will be held in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., will open at 7 p.m. Members and their friends are invited to attend.

SERVICE MAY DECIDE ISSUE

By "Adrem"

THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS FINAL OF 1939 WILL BE RE-ENACTED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN TSUI WAI-PUI, WHO WON THE TITLE ON THAT OCCASION, WILL MEET HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, YAN-PUI, ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

It is the opinion of many followers of the game that the previous result will be reversed this afternoon and Tsui Yan-pui will win his first crown.

I favour Yan-pui to win but I don't think there will be very much in it.

H.K.C.C. TOURNEY

In the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Handicap Doubles semi-final match played yesterday C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15.2) beat R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6), 6—3, 6—1. The winners now meet T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould in the final.

ONE ARMY MATCH

Only one match in "B" Division of the Army Tennis League was played at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Scots defeated Royal Army Pay Corps by three points to nil.

The match between Middlesex and 36th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, was cancelled owing to the downpour of rain at 5 p.m. Following are the detailed scores:

Sgt. Elsley and L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Norrell and Cpl. Ingleby, 6—1, 6—1, 6—1.

L/Cpl. Downing and Bdm. Dribble (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Luckhurst and L/Sgt. Luckhurst and L/Sgt. Chalcraft 6—0, 6—0, 6—1.

Cpl. Ogden and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.) beat Sgt. Reed and Pte. Pendergast, 6—3, 6—0, 7—5.

Yan-pui's Coolness

On the other hand, Yan-pui has impressed in all his matches with his coolness under all circumstances. All his strokes have been working fluently, while his service is probably 25 per cent. better at the moment than it has ever been. All being equal this service will probably decide the match as although Wai-pui has completely reorganised his service and now indulges in a heavy slice, I don't think the high bound of the ball will worry his brother very much.



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U.S. "WAR" CABINET MEETS

Heads Of Army, Navy And Air Force Attend Discuss Acceleration Of Production

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday called in the chief members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Army and Navy for a discussion on the question of acceleration of production of bombers.

The conference was attended by Mr. Cordell Hull, Col. Henry Stimson, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Col. Frank Knox, Mr. Harry Hopkins (supervisor of the Lease and Lend Act), General George Marshall (Army Chief of Staff), Admiral Stark (Chief of Naval Operations) and Major-General Arnold (Chief of the Army Air Corps).

One of the chief purposes of the conference was to consider the need for a fast output of heavy bombers.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REPORTED TO HOPE FOR AN OUTPUT OF 500 A MONTH.

According to White House officials, the conference would provide an opportunity for Major-General Arnold, who has just returned from Britain, to make a complete report to what some quarters call the "War Cabinet."

In the meantime President Roosevelt has appointed Major-General James Burns, who is a member of the executive committee of the Army and Navy Board, as assistant to Mr. Harry Hopkins to handle detailed work under the aid for Britain programme. — Reuter.

Letter To Col. Stimson Made Public

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt has made public a letter he wrote to Secretary of War Stimson and other defence heads directing them to concentrate on the production of heavy bombers.

The President said: "Command of the air by the Democracies must and can be achieved."

He announced that an all-time high of 1,427 planes of all types were produced in the U.S. in April, giving rise to hopes that the goal of 2,500 a month, or 30,000 a year, will be reached by September.

The step-up in production is believed to have influenced President Roosevelt to urge even greater speed on bombers. — International News Service.

QUO TAI-CHI HAS TALK WITH HULL

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Foreign Minister, yesterday had another conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State. This is his second visit to Mr. Hull since his arrival in Washington. — Central News.

NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN CRETE

The New Zealand Minister for Defence, Mr. Jones, announced yesterday that Brigadier General Edward Puttick has been appointed temporary in command of the New Zealand Forces in Crete in place of Major-General Freyberg, V.C. — Reuter.

MR. STIMSON URGES USE OF AMERICAN NAVY

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WOULD BE AS NAIVE AS IT WOULD BE COWARDLY.

Naval Assistance

Mr. Stimson, describing his suggestion of full American naval assistance to Britain, said: "For many years we have been building and maintaining our Navy. On the day that Navy should make secure the seas for delivery of our munitions to Great Britain, it will render as great a service to our own country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has rendered in all its glorious history."

"Supplementing the efforts of the British Navy, it can render secure all oceans, north, south, west and east, which surround our continent. In that way it can help to check the rush of the tide of Nazism until the other defence forces of all the Democracies are completed."

"This would eventually and permanently confine the force of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again."

Strategic Moment

"On the other hand, if our Navy's assistance should be withheld until the power of the British Fleet and nation is broken, its own power of execution would at once shrink to but an impotent fraction of what it could do at the present moment."

"If we should allow the present strategic moment to pass until the power of the British Navy is gone, our Navy would become merely a secondary power instead of a decisive winning power in the world contest."

"IS IT CONCEIVABLE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AFTER THE CAREFULLY DETERMINED COURSE WHICH WE HAVE PURSUED UNTIL THIS MOMENT. AFTER THE CLEAR STATEMENTS AND APPEALS MADE BY OUR PRESIDENT IN RESPECT OF THE DANGER THAT CONFRONTS US, AFTER THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO HIS APPEALS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE BY CONGRESS, AFTER WE HAVE TAKEN OUR PLACE DEFINITELY BEHIND THE WARRING DEMOCRACIES AND AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR NATIONS IN DEFENCE OF OUR FREEDOM, AFTER PROVIDING FOR BILLIONS WORTH OF MUNITIONS TO CARRY ON THAT DEFENCE, AND WHILE WE HOLD IN OUR HANDS AN INSTRUMENT READY AND ABLE TO MAKE ALL THESE STEPS EFFECTIVE, SHALL WE NOW FLINCH AND PERMIT THESE MUNITIONS TO BE

NAZI ACTIVITY IN THE ANTARCTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Further light on Nazi activities in the Antarctic has been thrown by Admiral Byrd himself following the return of his expedition after 18 months in the south Polar regions.

Admiral Byrd stated: "The Germans have started to take over Palmerland. The Nazis have begun encroachments on the western hemisphere."

Dr. Paul Siple, quoting a "high Chilean naval officer," said he was informed that a German naval repair ship in Deception Bay was blown up a few months ago.

"You may draw your own conclusions as to who may have done this," he added. — International News Service.

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must not allow steps which we have already taken to become ineffective.

Grave Seriousness

"I don't minimise the danger which confronts us. This is an occasion for grave seriousness but not for gloom or despondence."

"I have studied the military policy of the Axis powers and I do not underestimate the courage of their men in battle. BUT I ALSO KNOW WELL THE INITIATIVE, ARTITUDE AND COURAGE OF THE MEN OF THIS COUNTRY. I HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE PLANS WHICH ARE BEING MADE BY OUR MILITARY AND NAVAL LEADERS FOR OUR DEFENCE."

Full Faith

"Provided all act with promptness and united spirit, I have full faith in the outcome."

"But I am not one of those who think that the priceless freedom of our country can be saved without sacrifice. It cannot."

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WAR SPREADS IN IRAQ

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The war has spread to new areas in Iraq, with Britain emphasising that the illegal government must down arms before negotiations are possible.

Flying widely to prevent reinforcement of the Habbaniyah area, R.A.F. planes bombed four concentrations of troops and the Baghdad-Basra highway.

The London "Daily Express" asserts the R.A.F. is constantly alert for signs of German troop-carriers landing in Syria en route to Iraq.

The paper predicts this would be "the signal that a major war has begun in the Middle East, which may come as soon as we do not allow Syria to be used as a base and will act regardless of the reaction of Vichy."—International News Service.

With Official Approval

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Secretary of War Stimson's broadcast appeal for United States naval aid for Britain is stated in Washington to have been delivered with Administration approval.

Mr. Stimson said he was aware his "grave proposal involves danger to the lives of American sailors," but, he added, "we on our side are ready to make sacrifices and if need be to die for the conviction that the freedom of America will be saved."—International News Service.

RICE MONOPOLY MOTION

At tomorrow's meeting of Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary will move—
Resolved that this Council approves the following war measures to ensure the adequate supply of rice and the control of the price of rice and to provide for the turn-over of rice reserves in this Colony—
1. The Government shall take

SHANGHAI-NANKING

TRAIN WRECKED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The night train from Shanghai to Nanking is reported to have been wrecked at 9 o'clock on Monday night by a guerilla land mine. Six cars are believed to have been damaged, but there is no news of casualties.—International News Service.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER YESTERDAY DEMANDED THAT THE U.S. GIVE CHINA PLANES TO BOMB TOKYO AND THAT THE LAW FORBIDDING AMERICANS TO ENLIST IN THE CHINESE AIR FORCE BE REPEALED.

Referring to Japan, Senator Pepper said: "It is time to ask this bandit of the Far East just what he plans to do.

"He is an assassin lurking behind a door to drive a stiletto into our back when we become more engaged with the enemy in the Atlantic.

"HE IS ANOTHER MUSSOLINI, WHO DROVE A DAGGER

INTO THE BACK OF FRANCE" Senator Pepper urged the sending of a strong force to help Britain maintain the status quo in Singapore and that the United States "openly join forces" to remove the threat of attack from Japan.

Leadership Wanted

He said the American people were willing to "spill their blood" in order to crush the Axis "and all they need is authoritative and responsible Government leadership to help make up their minds."

Senator Pepper proposed the occupation of Iceland, Greenland, Dakar, the Azores, Cape Verde Islands, the Canaries and other strategic territories as part of the programme of greater cooperation with Britain. Senator Pepper is an Administration supporter and a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate.—International News Service.

ROOSEVELT WINS FIRST ROUND

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Administration has won the first major test of the ship seizure legislation.

The House of Representatives by 131 to 94 yesterday defeated an amendment prohibiting the transfer of Axis shipping to Britain despite warnings that it might lead to the "longest and bloodiest war in United States history."

Defeat of the opposition on this point presages passage of the Bill.

Chairman Bland, of the Merchant Marine Committee, said: "The time has come for us to say we will not yield and will not surrender, that we have wedded ourselves to Britain and will provide war aid regardless of the consequences."—International News Service.

TIRED OF DIATRIBES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The National Broadcasting Corporation and two other broadcasting stations in the United States have decided that they will no longer broadcast either Hitler's or Mussolini's speeches unless they are of historical importance, according to a New York announcement.—International News Service.

DARLAN THREATENS TO OUST MARSHAL PETAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

FREE FRENCH quarters in London disclose that pressure is being brought by Admiral Darlan for Marshal Petain to accept full collaboration with Germany.

It is stated that demands amounting to an ultimatum have been delivered by Admiral Darlan to Marshal Petain for the passage of German troops across unoccupied France and also for use of the French Navy and of French naval and air bases.

*Doubts are expressed whether Marshal Petain can hold out much longer as latest indications tend to show that Admiral Darlan is ready to oust Marshal Petain and set himself as Premier.

Darlan is reported to have threatened that Germany will get what she wants regardless whether Marshal Petain yields or refuses.

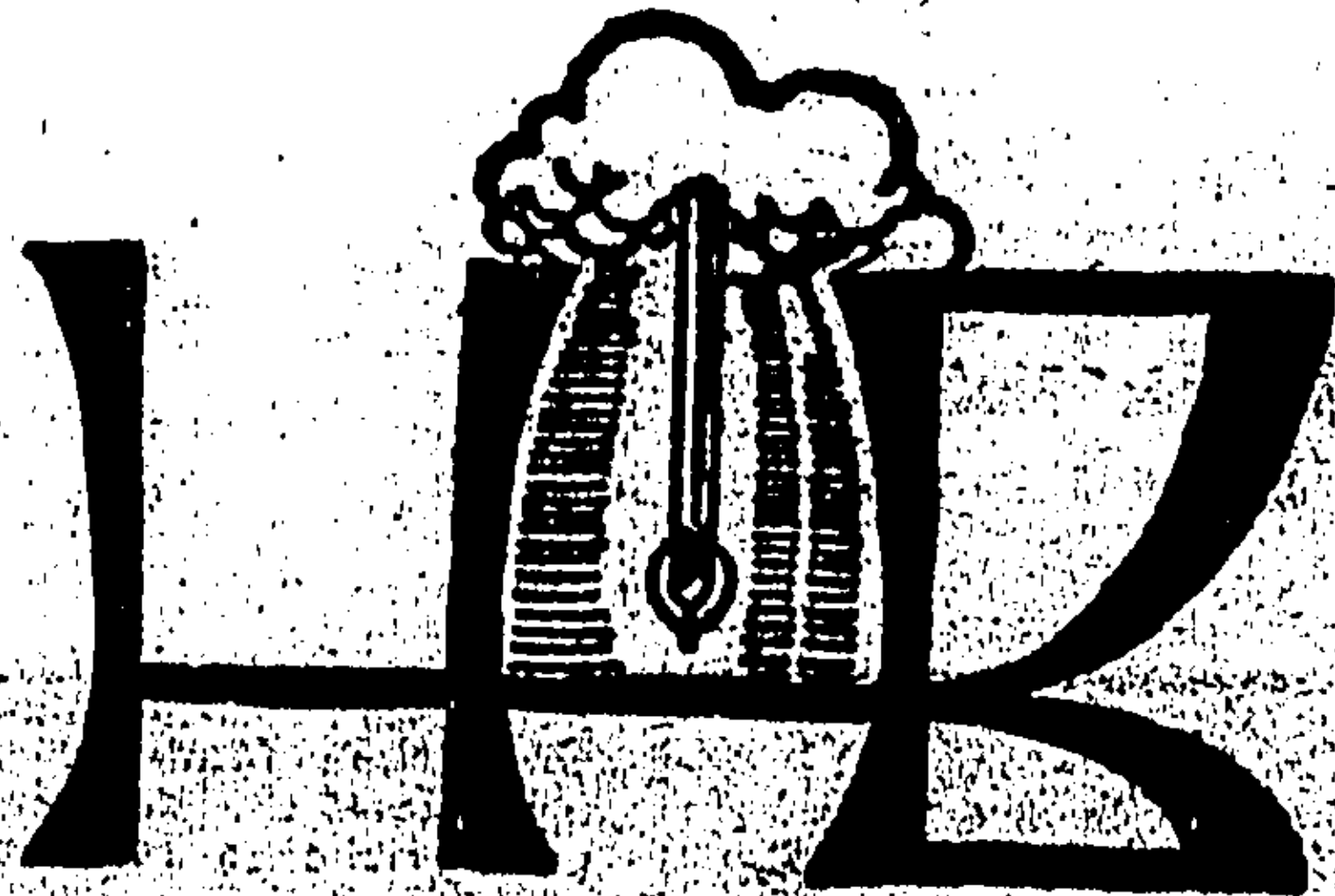
Meanwhile, Admiral Darlan has returned to Paris and has resumed conversations with the German Ambassador, Otto Abetz.

DARLAN IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE ACCUSED MARSHAL PETAIN OF EXERTING PRESSURE ON GENERAL FRANCO TO RESIST GERMAN DEMANDS FOR COLLABORATION IN AN ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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5. These measures shall be put

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WAR DEBATE OPENS IN COMMONS

Mr. Eden's Review Of Developments In Middle East

Fatal Attitude Of Earlier Yugoslav Government

OPENING THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POINTED TO HIS DIFFICULTY IN GIVING THE COMMONS A FULL ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR RELATION TO HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"We are not alone," he said. "Others are listening to every word that is said in these debates and there is much I would like to tell which, perforce, I am unable to tell at the present time, for I have so to phrase my remarks that I do not assist the enemy in any way in his activities."

Recalling the early days of February, Mr. Eden said: "What then seemed to the Government to be a German plan for an early Spring campaign was looming.

They had then already a large number of troops in Rumania, taking positions at Bulgarian aerodromes, and it seemed clear to us that the object of all this was, step by step, to overrun the Balkans, having occupied Rumania by methods we know of, to establish themselves in Bulgaria, thereby to encircle Yugoslavia, to subjugate Greece, to immobilise Turkey, and from that position, without firing a single shot, to deliver their main blow from secure bases at our position in the eastern Mediterranean.

"There is no doubt the subsidiary purposes in this plan was to bring help to their Italian allies, whose war was not going too well in Albania.

"Hitler has described to us how well the Italians did. A nation of 45 millions weakening against seven millions."

"I do not suppose ever a more insulting tribute has been paid to any ally. (Hear, hear).

"As we watched that Greek campaign in Albania, supported by our own air force, but against an extremely heavy attack by men and materials, one must have thought that never was so much surrendered by so many to so few. (Laughter and cheers).

"Now I come to February 8, which was the date our forces entered Benghazi—a brilliant exploit which brought valuable gain.

Rest And Refit

"But with the supreme effort entailed by that advance, the armoured troops who had so large a share in it had to rest and refit.

Their vehicles had not only been engaged in a continuous advance for two months but many of them had been engaged in action for a much longer time, with hardly a rest.

"So there was no prospect of prolonging the advance with those armoured vehicles beyond the point reached at Benghazi, and any prolonged advance by these formations to Tripoli was out of the question.

Greek Note

"On February 8 there reached the British Government a Note from the Greek Government confirming the determination of the Greek Government to resist German aggression. (Cheers).

"It asked us to say what help we could give and the conditions in which we could give it.

"This Note from the Greek Government was not a cry for help. (Cheers). It was a statement of the Greek position and a request that we should state ours.

"In face of these conditions, Government decided to maintain the decision they had previously arrived at, to halt the desert advance at Benghazi and to prepare the forces there to go to the help of Greece.

"That decision was the decision of Government and of the three chief military advisers.

Many Problems

"If Greece was to be helped it was obvious that help must be made ready and brought to bear very rapidly. Many problems required discussion and solution—the position of Yugoslavia, the necessity for keeping Turkey informed of our plans, and so forth.

"It seemed to Government that the wisest step was to attempt direct negotiations, so they entrusted the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and myself with this task.

"NEITHER OF US EVER HAD THE LEAST DOUBT OF THE ODDS AGAINST THE FULL SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION.

"We knew perfectly well that the German plans were far advanced. We knew how great were their material powers but I think we should have been to blame if we had not made that attempt. (Cheers).

"With the collapse of French resistance our forces in the Middle East were left to meet the situation without the help of the French armies.

Serious Shortages

"Our forces were relatively small, and what was worst, they had many serious shortages of equipment.

"In the late summer of last year the Government at home were deeply exercised by the situation in the Middle East.

"After General Wavell came home for consultations with the Prime Minister, Government took the decision to take great risks to reinforce that army.

"We then sent out armoured units, men, material and aircraft, and it was that equipment and these weapons which enabled General Wilson and General O'Connor in their desert advance to secure such brilliant successes. (Cheers).

"The Greek King and Prime Minister at once made it

abundantly clear that Greece was determined to resist German aggression as she had resisted Italian aggression.

"The Greek Prime Minister added that whatever the hopes of repulsing the enemy, Greece would defend her national territory if she could count only on her own forces (cheers).

Reasonable Chance

"At these discussions we told the Greek Government what we knew of the German plans. They came to the conclusion that the establishment of Anglo-Greek forces on the Halkon line offered a reasonable fighting chance of holding the German advance.

"The decision was reached very quickly and in complete agreement between the military experts of the two countries.

"It so happened at that time that we had the advantage of consulting in Cairo that most wise statesman and tried warrior, General Smuts. (Cheers).

"I asked him if he could be kind enough to come to Cairo when we were there. With characteristic generosity he did so, and we were able to consult him.

Complete Agreement

"That decision was taken at the gravest risk, in the light of our equipment here. Since then we have maintained a continuous stream of men and materials to the Middle East.

"This country has made that possible by submitting to restrictions of imports.

"With the collapse of France the fulfilment of our obligations for equipment to Turkey and the guarantee to Greece fell exclusively on our shoulders.

"On our arrival in Cairo we found that the three commanders-in-chief were in complete agreement with the policy advocated in London.

"We found in principle that the land formations to be sent out had already been decided on and preparations were in hand for their concentration.

"I would not have thought it necessary to mention this except that it was considered that the forces to be left in Cyrenaica would be sufficient to meet any threats.

An Appointment

"After a brief interval we decided that all of us go to Athens. I say all of us, but I bought to exclude the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, Admiral Cunningham, who had at that moment one of his occasional appointments with an elusive enemy. (The Battle of Matapan).

"He has authorised me to say, and indeed his speeches have since made plain that he too was

in complete agreement with the decision arrived at.

No Recrimination

"From Greece there has been no recrimination. The other day I sent a message to the Greek Government congratulating them on the valour and actions of their troops and I received a reply which I should give to the House:—

"Please assure the House of Commons and the British people that their eulogies of the Greek Army will touch the hearts of our whole nation. We will never forget the loyal and courageous help which the British and Imperial forces gave our native land. Our allies showed themselves worthy to rank with the ancient heroes of Thermopylae and to write letters of gold in the glorious pages of British history. I desire once again to assure you that we will continue the struggle by the side of our great ally, the noble people of the British Commonwealth, until victory is won and the triumph of the ideals of liberty, morality and international justice is achieved." (Cheers).

Mr. Eden continued: "I think the House will agree that the generous spirit of that message has animated the Greek nation throughout its ordeal." (Cheers).

Not Enough

Turning to Yugoslavia, Mr. Eden said when they arrived they got plenty of encouragement that a German attack on Yugoslavia would be resisted but he said, "This was not enough. What was needed was a common plan so that if an attack developed we should have the best chance of resisting it together. (Cheers).

"WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE THIS AND EVERY EFFORT FAILED UNTIL THE MOMENT OF THE COUP D'ETAT.

"During these conversations we were given repeatedly to understand that the Yugoslav army was mobilised. When we pressed our anxieties that they would be too late, the reply always came, 'we shall be ready.'

"In fact, that mobilisation had not proceeded fast enough and it was not until the coup d'etat that the new Government made a real and urgent effort to get their armies ready.

Too Late

"It was then too late—too late for the best will in the world to mobilise armies and concentrate them where they ought to be if they were to give us the support and help needed.

"So it was, despite all the gallantry of the Yugoslav army, which has been as splendid in this war as in the past, despite all that, without an effective plan, the Yugoslav armies could not and did not stop the German drive through southern Serbia to Monastir Gap.

"It is perhaps idle and unprofitable to speculate but had the Government which preceded the coup d'etat of General Simovitch, as clearly understood Yugoslavia's true interests as did the Government of General Simovitch, the whole story might have been different.

"But none of these things can detract from the courage of the decision which the Yugoslav people eventually took.

"We have pledged ourselves to redeem Yugoslavia's independence and that pledge will be honoured. (Cheers).

Turkish Loyalty

"While we were in the Middle East we had frequent opportunities for conversations with Turkish statesmen. The Turkish Government was informed, as an ally, of our plans in connection with Greece.

"Throughout all these conversations I was deeply impressed by the loyal friendship shown by all the Turkish statesmen, who we had occasion to meet, and by the determination they and their people showed to stand firm

against any menace to their sovereignty or any encroachment on their rights and interests.

"Since the beginning of this war Turkey has rendered great service to our cause by her policy of independence. The importance of her role as a bulwark against further aggression in the Middle East is obvious.

"I AM SURE THAT LOYALTY TO THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THIS COUNTRY WILL, AS EVER, BE THE BASIS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY."

Rashid Ali

Turning to Iraq, Mr. Eden said "Unconstitutional action by Rashid Ali has already led once to his fall from power.

"When later he seized power again, the British Government saw no reason why this or any other event in Iraq should deprive them of their clear treaty rights.

"Nothing can excuse the action of the Iraqi military leaders in first accepting and then challenging our clear treaty rights.

"This country has a record of which it has no need to be ashamed in its dealings with the Arab people and above all with Iraq. (Cheers).

"It was we who assured independence to modern Iraq: it is we who have assisted them and in every respect kept our word.

"I wish to make plain to the world our present position. We are grateful for the offer of their good offices by the Turkish and Egyptian Governments.

"OUR POSITION IS: THE FIRST REQUISITE IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM HABBANIYAH AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE BRITISH FORCES IN IRAQ.

Britain Determined

"When this has been done and fighting between the allied nations has in consequence ceased, His Majesty's Government is prepared to discuss the fulfilment of their treaty rights, which they are in all circumstances determined to maintain. (Cheers).

"Many of their most distinguished leaders have already realised this."

Mr. Eden said that for a long time Italian newspapers had been regularly expressing their hope of seeing a British defeat and had shown quite clearly that if their hopes were fulfilled Italy would control the Arab lands of North Africa and elsewhere.

Mr. Eden proceeded: "Every Arab must know what that means. In all recent history there has been no rule more cruel and ruthless than that imposed by Italy on Arabs living in Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

Spectre?

"What of the other parties? Hitler told us on Sunday that he is an interested spectator in the Balkans—a spectator whose rule is based on military might and of the Gestapo.

"Arabs in any land must know that the approach of Axis rule means the end of their liberty, which they have jealously guarded and which, in alliance with us, is safe to-day."

Concluding, Mr. Eden declared "Not once does Germany or Italy show anywhere the least respect for an engagement. Their only sanction is force.

"The United States to-day are helping us greatly in many spheres and in many ways.

Immense Step

"The more fully, more rapidly and more certainly that help can reach the battlefields in Asia, Africa and Europe, the shorter the duration of the war.

"That is why, I welcome the immense step forward taken by the United States in deciding to send ships to the Red Sea."

"It must be our privilege, together with the help we can receive from the United States, to win for the nations of Europe the right to live their own lives in peace and tranquillity, secure at last from the haunting dread that shadows our time." (Cheers).

Temperate Discussion On Efficacy Of Intelligence

MR. ATTLEE'S SALLY AT HORE-BELISHA

WITHIN AN HOUR OF its opening the War Debate in the House of Commons yesterday settled down in a calm but not overcrowded House into a temperate discussion, the key to which was provided by the remark of Government Liberal, Sir Percy Harris: "We are solid behind the Prime Minister but the fact need not exclude constructive criticism."

Mr. Lee-Smith, Leader of the Labour Front Bench, asked a number of questions which resolved themselves, as did a number of other speeches, mainly into doubts about the full efficacy of the British Intelligence and Information Services and whether advice or information always received full attention.

At no time, however, was there any division of opinion about the rightness of going to aid Greece. The most critical speech was by Mr. Hore-Belisha. He contended that the British Expeditionary Force was inadequate and information was wrong and wrongly interpreted.

HE DECLARED THAT MATA-PAN WAS A DECOY OPERATION WHICH GAVE THE GERMANS THEIR LARGE FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA AND ALSO DECLARED THAT WE HAD FAILED IN IRAQ.

Mr. Hore-Belisha demanded an improvement in intelligence, more armour, more tanks, dive-bombers and transport planes. He agreed that progress had been made but declared that it was not enough.

Mr. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, replying to Mr. Hore-Belisha, pointed out, amid laughter, that until January, 1940, Mr. Hore-Belisha had been in charge of a big part of British war preparations. He was sure that when Mr. Hore-Belisha was at the War Office he found that what he did was conditioned by what his predecessor had done.

Mr. Attlee added: "We find ourselves very much in the same position."

Mr. Attlee declared that the position in the Summer and Autumn of last year was infinitely more threatening than that today.

Fundamental Fact

The splendid Greek resistance, General Cunningham's campaign in Abyssinia, and the victories of General Wavell in Libya, did make a bright light on a dark day but did not alter the fundamental fact of the situation—that the Continent of Europe was in the hands of Germany.

Simultaneously with the debate in the Commons, a debate was held in the Lords on a similar motion, and after a few hours of discussion, the Lords unanimously passed a vote of confidence in Government.

The Commons debate will be continued.—Reuter.

SOVIET ARMS FOR CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") According to the B.B.C., 650 truckloads of about 2,000 tons of Russian munitions reach General Chiang Kai-shek's armies monthly through Turkestan.—International News Service.

"SINCERE" JAPANESE EFFORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Major Kishinami, Japanese army spokesman in Shanghai, told pressmen that the Japanese forces were exerting "sincere efforts" to protect the lives and property of foreign residents.

He said 80 foreigners in Ningpo and 18 in Shaoshing were all safe.

He blamed the proximity of Chinese A.A. emplacements for damage to the compound of the Christian Mission Church and British school.

The major criticised the writings of the radio news commentator and "China Press" columnist, Carroll Alcott, as "sheer nonsense."

He said the Japanese army was too busy advancing to pay attention to his broadcasts.—International News Service.

SCURRILOUS SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOLLOWING A CONTINUOUS 10-DAY ATTACK AGAINST THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE "FAR EASTERN TIMES," RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE SHANGHAI DAILY, BELIEVED TO BE JAPANESE SPONSORED, YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A FULL PAGE ARTICLE DENOUNCING THE S.M.C. It labelled members of the Council "parasites, robbers, liars and bandits."

Questioned, an S.M.C. official stated the matter was being studied by higher authorities. Bitter attacks have been made daily on Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Elly Kadoorie and other prominent Jewish businessmen, and steps are being considered to suppress the paper's activity.—International News Service.

ECHO OF SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Leave to presume the death on or since November 8, 1936, of Carlos Fernando Stuart Y Falco, Duke of Penaranda, was granted in the Probate Court yesterday, the application being by the Duke's brother, the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador in London.

An affidavit by the Duke of Alba stated that the Duke of Penaranda was interned in the model prison in Madrid in the Summer of 1936 with other sympathisers of the National movement.

He was removed from prison in or about the following November and was believed to have been assassinated.

Since then the widow, child and brother have not seen him or heard from the Duke of Penaranda who left estate of about £35,000 in Britain.—Reuter.

POSED AS A BARON CHARGE

A 26-YEAR-OLD DISCHARGED SOLDIER WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE POSED AS BARON FISHER DE BOSLIER, WAS REMANDED IN CUSTODY AT EXETER CHARGED UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS WITH USING OTHER THAN HIS OWN NAME.

The man, George Samuel Fisher, with an address at an Exeter lodging-house, was described by the acting Chief Constable as a man of no substance. There were other charges pending. Fisher, who had been a private, was discharged from the Army after hospital treatment.

Detective Sergeant Bennett said Fisher told him he used the foreign name and title as a joke.

SWEDISH OFFICIAL VISIT TO FINLAND

The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Guenther, arrived in Helsinki yesterday on an unofficial visit.

He was greeted at the aerodrome by the Finnish Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

HOSTILE SHELLING IN IRAQ

"In the Habbaniyah area British aircraft were again active on Monday," states a communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo.

"Hostile shelling was intermittent and inaccurate."

"In the Basra area the situation remains quiet."

"Libya: Tobruk: no change in the situation."

"In the Sollum area, the activities of our ground and air forces were severely hampered by a heavy sandstorm."

"Abyssinia: Further progress was made by our forces northwards from Dessie on the rear of the Italian position about Amba Alagi."

"Advancing from Neghelli, our troops ejected and inflicted heavy casualties on a strong enemy force holding a position covering Adola."

"In other sections our advance is continuing."—Reuter.

MEXICO READY TO TAKE PART

Mexico's opposition to totalitarian expansion was unequivocally expressed by the Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, writing in the Carnegie Foundation's publication "International Conciliation."

Senor Padilla declared: "Mexico is prepared to take a stand with other Western Hemisphere democracies in opposing totalitarian expansion and Fifth Column activity."

"America's destiny is to take part in the fray."

Later in the same article, Senor Padilla writes: "The Mexican people, with full consciousness of the cause they are embracing, are fully resolved to share that destiny."

"We must, therefore, prepare. We must resolutely cooperate with one another for the defence of this hemisphere."—Reuter.

NAZI ACTIVITY IN THE ANTARCTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Further light on Nazi activities in the Antarctic has been thrown by Admiral Byrd himself following the return of his expedition after 18 months in the south Polar regions.

Admiral Byrd stated: "The Germans have started to take over Palmerland. The Nazis have begun encroachments on the western hemisphere."

Dr. Paul Siple, quoting a "high Chilean naval officer," said he was informed that a German naval repair ship in Deception Bay was blown up a few months ago.

"You may draw your own conclusions as to who may have done this," he added.—International News Service.

FRENCH LEADER FOUND EXECUTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

French pro-German politicians in Paris are reported to have asked for "protection from" the Gestapo, following the death of one of their comrades, M. Fonteneau. It is stated that M. Fonteneau, who had been missing for several weeks, has been found hung with a note pinned on his body reading "executed as traitor."—International News Service.

CHINESE PAPER SUSPENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Cheng Yien Pao," pro-Chungking unregistered Chinese daily in Shanghai, has been suspended by the Settlement police censors for publishing pictures of Col. Hsieh Ching-Yuan, recently murdered commander of the Lons Battalion.—International News Service.

SURPRISE FOR RUBBER MARKET

AFTER REMAINING closed for more than one day the London rubber market reopened for business yesterday but under new restrictions imposed by Government.

"Spot" traded at 14d, unchanged from the previous level, while forward positions advanced one-eighth to 1 1/2 1/4d.

Trading in the market was suspended on Monday pending the outcome of discussions between the recently appointed Rubber Controller and the trade concerning the future of the market.

Business remained at a standstill yesterday morning and it was freely rumored that it might be some days before a final decision is reached.

It was learned that the trade is submitting numerous questions to the Controller for clarification, and informed circles believe that the Ministry of Supply would become the sole importer of rubber in order to centralise precious freight space.

Fears Of Traders

This resulted in general fears that futures trading would cease, as in the case of the Liverpool cotton market, though it was considered that the Ministry would in any case continue to use the trade for internal distribution, since it was acknowledged that the Ministry's hasty nationalisation of cotton distribution had not worked well.

Rubber circles were considerably

surprised, therefore, when an announcement was unexpectedly made early yesterday afternoon to the effect that an agreement had been reached between the trade and the Ministry of Supply's Controller under which the market will remain open to trading within prescribed limits.

Ministry's Terms

The Ministry of Supply, acting through the Controller, will become the sole importer into the United Kingdom but will use the London market for the purchase of rubber and for the usual services of consumers.

Open commitments with outsiders must be liquidated at or before due and no new sales involving shipments from abroad to the United Kingdom will be permitted except for effecting existing contracts for which the Controller's approval will be necessary.

Purchases by the Controller for shipment to the United Kingdom will be made through the market on F.O.B. terms and the Controller will make sales to dealers and manufacturers.—Reuter.

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FURNACE HEAT IN DESERT TESTING GERMAN ENDURANCE

HEAVY SAND-STORMS IN FURNACE-LIKE HEAT ARE TESTING THE ENDURANCE OF THE GERMANS IN THE SOLLUM-TOBRUK AREA, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED MILITARY CIRCLES IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The situation was reported much the same as 24 hours ago and the enemy's attack is believed to have proved exhausting as well as costly to him.

The position in Abyssinia, where the Imperial northern and southern columns are gradually converging on Amba Alagi, is described as very promising for the Imperial Forces.

Observers returning from the Western Desert say that the Germans are being considerably affected by the conditions there. PRISONERS' DIARIES CONTAIN FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE HEAT AND WATER SHORTAGE WHILE DIVE-BOMBING BY THEIR OWN PLANE IS OFTEN MENTIONED.

It seems that there is some truth in the reports that the Germans trained troops for desert warfare by manoeuvres in sand dunes on the Baltic and by strenuous exercises in glass-houses to accustom them to heat.

German tanks are not proving well suited to desert work and British mobile guns are able to pick them off at close range. — Reuter.

German Losses In Raids

Germany has lost 41 night bombers already this month.

This total—nearly half of the record April losses—was reached with announcement that two additional raiders, it is now confirmed, were brought down on Sunday night by A.A. fire.

Thus this year the Luftwaffe's losses by night total 203, which compares with 130 for the whole of 1940, of which 93 were brought down from June onwards.

Two more enemy aircraft were brought down in the Channel on Tuesday in daylight when small formations crossed the Kent coast and flew a short distance inland.

The Air Ministry says bombs were dropped on a town on the Kent coast and another on the East Coast but little damage was done and there were no serious casualties.—Reuter.

TERRORIST ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, THE FOURTH U.S. MARINES AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF A CHINESE TERRORIST FOLLOWING AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE TWO JAPANESE NAVAL SENTRY IN THE HONGKEW AREA OF SHANGHAI.

One sentry was slightly wounded in the finger.

In the course of searches by the Japanese and the S.M. Police a lone Chinese was seen running away. He was chased and arrested and handed over to the Japanese authorities.—International News Service.

PEACE OFFER REJECTED?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BERLIN BROADCAST HEARD IN THE UNITED STATES SAYS THAT THE IRAQ GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED A PEACE OFFER MADE BY A FOREIGN AMBASSADOR.

"Britain's attitude," said the Berlin radio, "has made any agreement with the Iraq Government impossible."

Meanwhile, a Cairo despatch says that Turkey and Egypt are bringing pressure on Iraq to stop hostilities immediately. — International News Service.

WORTHLESS, INCREDIBLE

Hitler's latest address to a complacent Reichstag, says the "New York Times," is notable only for new perversions of history, further misrepresentation of facts and a parade of statistics as worthless as they are incredible.

These Reichstag deliverances may serve their purpose within Germany for a time at least. To the free world they arouse only contempt. — Reuter.

QUO TAI-CHI HAS TALK WITH HULL

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Foreign Minister, yesterday had another conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State. This is his second visit to Mr. Hull since his arrival in Washington. — Central News.

NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN CRETE

The New Zealand Minister for Defence, Mr. Jones, announced yesterday that Brigadier General Edward Puttick has been appointed temporary in command of the New Zealand Forces in Crete in place of Major-General Freyberg, V.C. — Reuter.

PREMIER LUNCHES AT PALACE

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was received in audience by the King and remained to lunch with Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — Reuter.

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TOOK BOMB TO DUMP— FINED £3

When a bomb fell near his old home in South-East London, Leading Signalman Arthur Pullen was a bit upset.

Then he learned that the bomb hadn't exploded. So they hadn't wrecked his birthplace? Well, that was easy, he'd shift the bomb.

Pullen is forty-two, has been twenty-five years in the Navy, and sailors don't care — about bombs. But let his wife tell the story.

"The bomb weighed 110lb. and had gone through two storeys and a settee, and was lodged under the floor boards," she told the "Daily Mirror."

"He borrowed a saw and some thick wire, sawed round the bomb and pulled it out.

"Some men wanted to help but he would only let my seventeen-year-old son Harry come along. He told them it was a case of 'one dog, one bone.'

"He carried the bomb to a public house which had been nearly destroyed in a previous raid. Harry, who is as fearless as his father, followed him in case he dropped it.

Works Were Ticking

"But he thought the public house was too near some houses, so he took it to a dump.

"All the time the works were ticking. He was going to dismantle the bomb, when the bomb disposal squad men came along and he was taken to the police station.

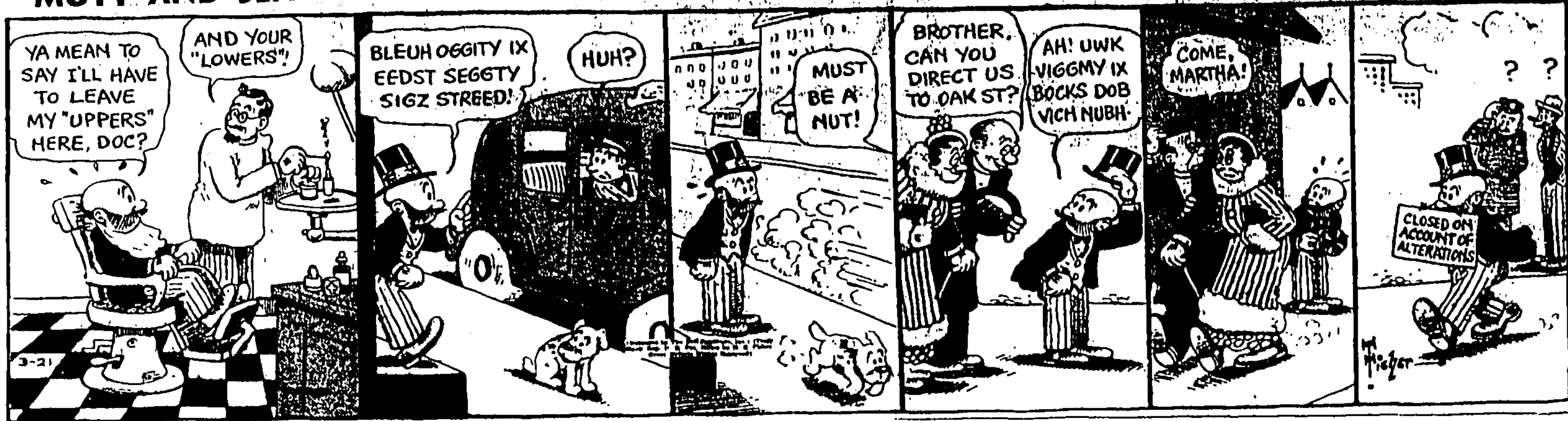
"This morning he was fined £3 at the police court for 'removing and tampering with a bomb dropped from enemy aircraft.'

"The money was paid by his flag officer and will probably be deducted from his pay.

"He doesn't care, and has told me he would do it again if necessary. The vicar has offered to pay but my husband told him it was all right. A number of people whose homes would have been destroyed also want to pay it."

A neighbour said that a collection to pay the fine was being made. "I paid 5s. — and would like to give £5," said one. "We have nearly got the £3 already."

Last September Pullen climbed to the roof to deal with some incendiaries. On another occasion he was trapped in a bomb crater.



ONE KILLED AND SIX WOUNDED IN POLICE SHOOTING BATTLE IN N.T.

Selassie Back In Triumph

Exactly five years after the occupation of Addis Ababa by Marshal Badoglio, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, made a triumphal return to his capital on Monday afternoon.

He was met by Lieutenant-General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding East Africa, who was chiefly responsible for delivering his country from the Italian yoke in the brilliant British

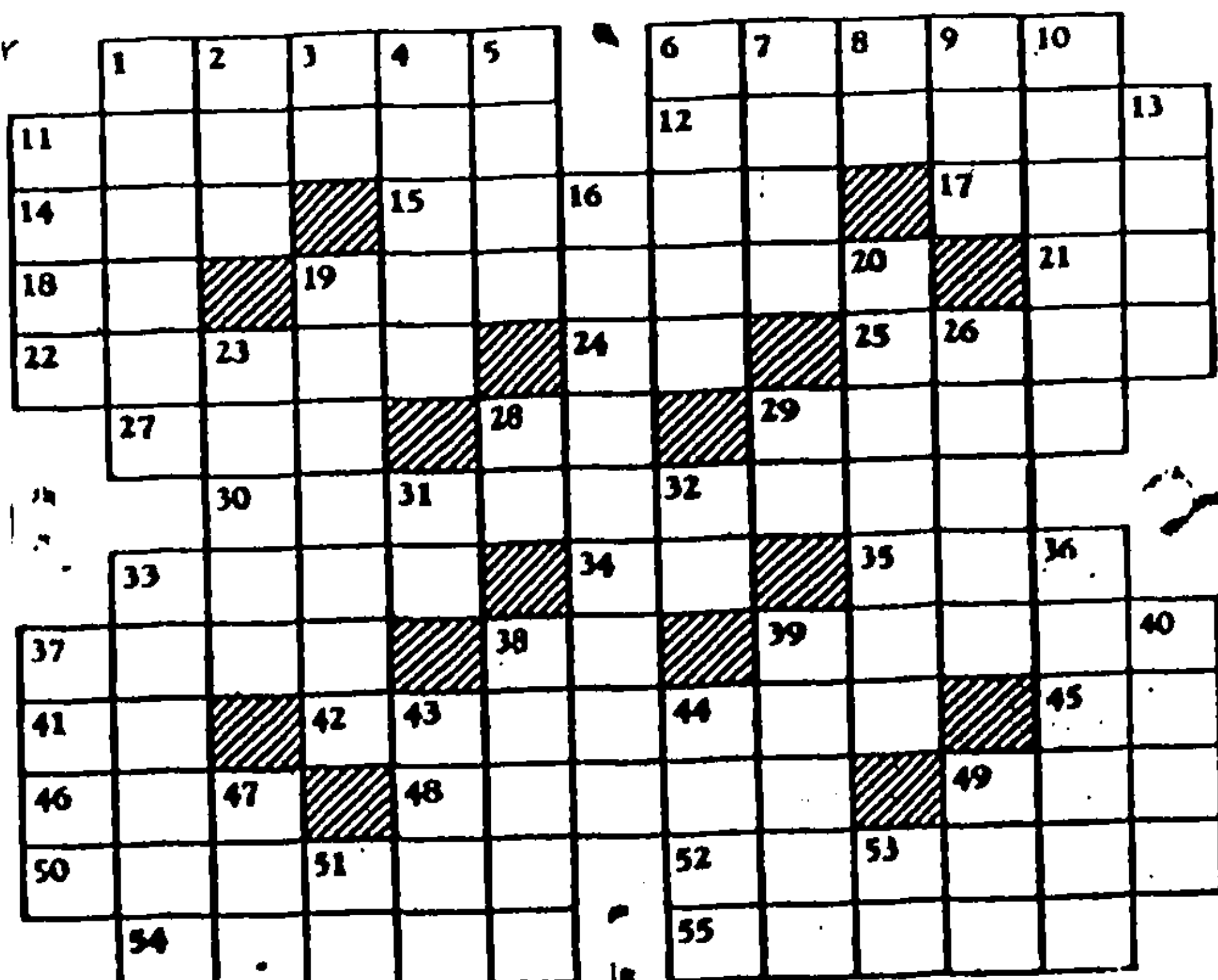
AS A RESULT of an exchange of fire between a police party and armed robbers, four passengers in a motor-bus were wounded at 8.15 a.m. to-day when all roads in the New Territories were barricaded by the Police following a daring robbery in the centre of Taipo.

A Chinese detective was shot and killed while four of the robbers, two wounded were captured.

campaign now nearing its end. His two sons, the Crown Prince and the Duke of Harrar, were there to greet him.

Great excitement prevailed as the Emperor entered the city. Italians still in Addis Ababa remained discreetly indoors.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



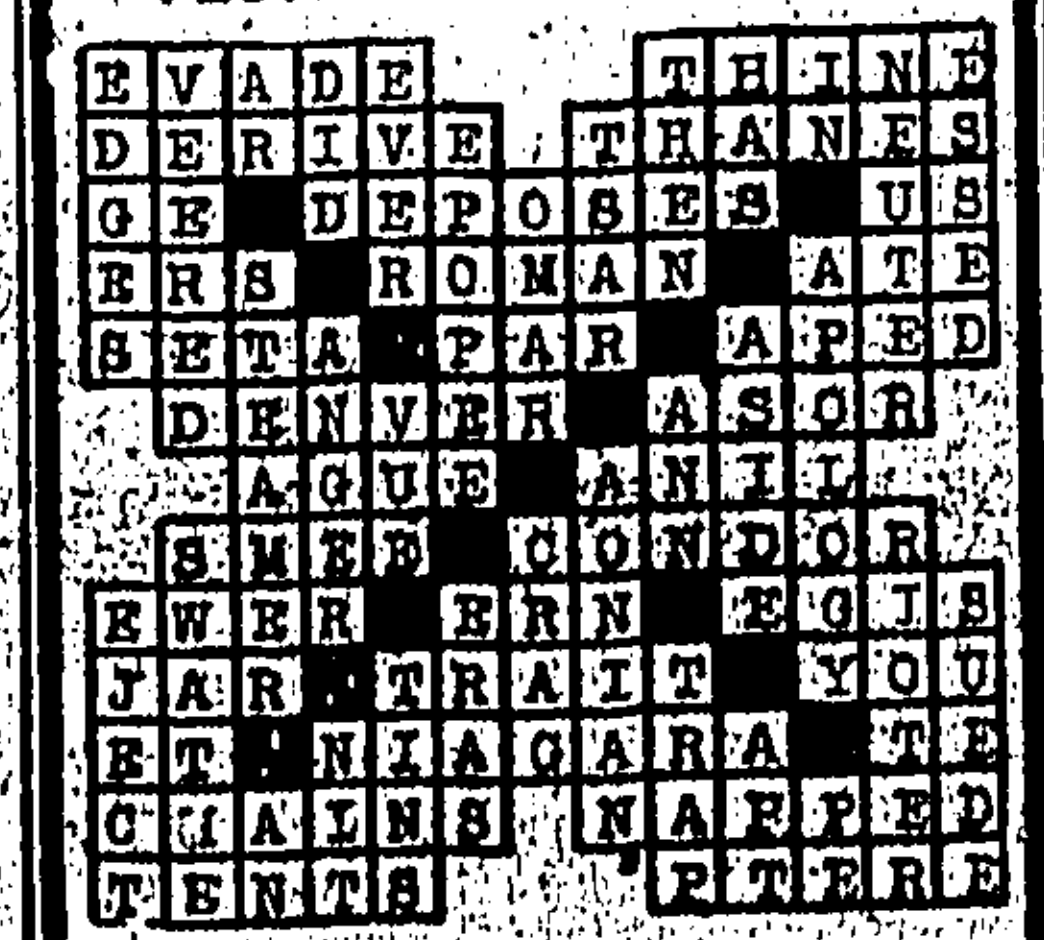
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Heathen
- 6 Is afraid
- 11 Dinner-jacket
- 12 Whole
- 13 Crude metal
- 14 To after
- 17 Digit
- 18 Symbol for silver
- 19 Having no limits of duration
- 21 Concerning
- 22 To penetrate
- 24 Teutonic deity
- 25 God of war
- 27 Deer
- 28 Preposition
- 29 Exclamation of sorrow
- 30-Fraternal
- 33 Obtains
- 34 Part of "to be"
- 35 Electrified particle
- 37 Constructed
- 38 Article
- 39 Mexican title
- 41 Conjunction
- 42 To swell

VERTICAL

- 1 Cleansed
- 2 Chopping tool
- 3 Earth goddess
- 4 Proverb
- 5 Alaskan capital
- 6 Smaller
- 7 Concludes
- 8 By
- 9 Rodent
- 10 Tallies

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



At 2 a.m. to-day, six men, armed with revolvers, held up the inmates of an eating house at No. 62 Fu Shing Street, Taipo. After collecting money and jewellery to the extent of over \$2,000, the men left.

The Police were immediately informed, and a message was sent to all Stations in the New Territories.

Police Ambush Set

The Officer in Charge of the Shataukok Police station detailed a party of Police officers to ambush the robbers who were reported escaping to the border.

At 5.15 a.m. four men were sighted heading straight for the ambush and as they approached, they were challenged. They immediately turned and fled. Two were arrested, the other two escaping. One was in possession of an automatic pistol.

Second Clash

At 8.15 a.m., another police party barricading one of the main roads, signalled an oncoming motor-bus to stop.

Before the bus was brought to a standstill, two of the passengers whipped out revolvers and started firing at the Police.

Taking cover, the police replied and after a brief exchange of fire, the two men were wounded and taken into custody. It was during the exchange of fire that the Chinese detective was hit and killed.

Four of the passengers in the bus were also wounded, all being removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

AUSTRALIAN SHELLS IN BRITAIN

"Shells being fired over London these nights" were made in Australia," declared Mr. Claude James, Agent-General for Tasmania, speaking in London yesterday.

Australia, he added, was now making all the munitions she required and was supplying munitions also to New Zealand and India. — Reuter.

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CLARES THE "BALTIMORE SUN."

No matter with what ingenuity the Ger-
mans use motor and U-boats, finally they will
have to seek a decision in the eastern Medi-
terranean with ground forces.

Throughout such a
campaign they will have
to reckon constantly with
a Fleet that they cannot
hope to defeat or even
hold in leash.

The "Indianapolis Star" say
that every one of Hitler's victories
has added new enemies, who are
bitter in their subjection.

There is not one among them
that is not looking for a chance
to get revenge. No one would
hesitate openly to revolt if op-
portunity presented itself.
Those 140 million non-German
people he has cowed and trampled
are not conquered. Each one
is a handicap to the Reich in its
struggle for ultimate victory.

Superb, Heroic

The "New York World-Tele-
gram" declares the successful Brit-
ish evacuation of Greece seems
even more miraculous than Dun-
kirk.

OBVIOUSLY THE CHIEF
REASON FOR THIS SUCCESS
IS THAT THE MEN OF THE
B.E.F. ARE SUPERB, HEROIC
SOLDIERS LED BY COOL, BRIL-
LIANT STRATEGISTS.

Certainly the retreat was mas-
terly and at a minimum cost con-
sidering the numerical and
machine superiority of the enemy
on the ground and in the air.

Terrible Price

The "Cincinnati Enquirer" says
it is evident that the B.E.F. aid
sent to Greece made the Germans
pay a terrible price for their Bal-
kan conquest.

The Battle of Greece has two
main factors common with Dun-
kirk. It was marked with another
exhibition of the almost uncanny
genius of the British for one of
the most difficult of all military
operations, evacuation by sea in
the face of superior land and air
forces.

Secondly, it was another
demonstration of a rearguard
action which almost beggars de-
scription as heroic.

Finally, it cheated the German
High Command on a scale un-
equalled since Dunkirk.—Reuter.

NURSE WAS BOMB HEROINE

A Canadian nursing sis-
ter was one of the
heroines in a London res-
taurant which was bomb-
ed.

She worked in the bombed
building among the dead and
dying for more than an hour.
She was Miss Helen Stevens, of
Dunnville, Ontario, who is now a
nursing sister in No. 1 Canadian
General Hospital in England.

Canadians on week-end leave,
British officers and men and Lon-
doners were dining in the restau-
rant when it was hit by a high
explosive bomb.
Miss Stevens went to the res-
taurant with a party of Canadians,
including Nursing Sister Thelma
Stewart, of Toronto, her close
friend, and Lieutenant Jack
Clunie and Lieutenant Jack
Wright, both of Sarnia, Ontario.

When the bomb fell, Miss
Stewart and Lieutenant Wright
were dancing. Miss Stevens and
Lieutenant Clunie, disliking the
tune which was being played,
went to their table in the bal-
cony. Then the crash came.
Wright, who was among the
killed, shielded Miss Stewart.
This Canadian officer died pro-

DUTY ON TOILET ARTICLES REVISED

A lowering of the scale
of duties of toilet re-
quisites on articles nor-
mally below 50 cents in
price is to take effect as
from 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Duty may now be as low as one
cent, on articles costing 10 cents
or less.

The new proposals are contain-
ed in a motion to be submitted by
the Financial Secretary providing
that for the purposes of this res-
olution "toilet preparations" means
any substance commonly used for
the toilet and includes:

- toilet soap;
- shaving soap and cream;
- tooth paste or powder and liquid
preparations for dental pur-
poses or mouth washes;
- perfumed spirits;
- toilet paste or powder;
- toilet cream;
- hair dye;
- scented sachets;
- lipstick, rouge and grease paint;
- preparations for manicure and
chirology;
- preparations, whether medicinal
or not, for use on the hair,
face or body;
- bath salts and essences;
- smelling salts;
- prepared Fuller's earth;

but does not include any sub-
stance made and sold under a
name or synonym specified in the
British Pharmacopoeia or the Brit-
ish Pharmaceutical Codex.

New Duties

Duty shall be payable on toilet
preparations at the following
rates—

On any quantity for retail at a price (ex- cluding the duty)—	Duty.
not exceeding 10 cents	1 cent
over 10 cents and not exceeding 20 cents	2 cents
over 20 cents and not exceeding 50 cents	5 "
over 50 cents and not exceeding \$1.00	10 "
over \$1.00 and not exceeding \$1.50	15 "
over \$1.50 cents and not exceeding \$2.00	20 "
and in addition, for every dollar or fraction of a dollar by which the retail price exceeds \$2.00	10 "

Provided that, in the case of
toilet preparations packed in two
or more cakes in one container, or
in two or more containers enlos-
ed in a larger container, duty
shall be assessed on each cake or
container which can be sold
separately and at the retail price
for that cake or container.

etecting a Canadian nurse," said
Miss Stevens.

Clunie suffered minor wounds,
but has recovered.

As the wounded called for
help Miss Stevens walked among
the wreckage tending them and
pouring champagne into their
wounds as an antiseptic.

The A.R.P. were quickly on the
spot, but Miss Stevens stayed and
was the last woman to leave.

BRIGHTER COURT PLAN FAILS

Georgia (U.S.)
Senate decided that
they wanted only
beauty contest
winners to act as
women jurors.

The women must
have won a beauty
contest within two
years before their jury
service, must be less
than forty-five years
old, and should wear
perfume agreeable to
the Judge and the
court officials.

But the question
aroused so much
controversy that it
was decided to forget
the whole idea of
women serving on
juries.

ACID THROWING CHARGE

A well-dressed Chinese woman,
Tang King-yuk, of No. 87, Austin
Road, second floor, was charged
before Mr. G. T. Lowry this
morning, with throwing corrosive
acid at Mr. Wei Kwok-lun, man-
ager of the Sun Ah News Agency,
at Wyndham Street yesterday,
with intention to cause him
grievous bodily harm.

It was alleged that the accused
attacked Mr. Wei by throwing a
bottle of corrosive acid into his
face, when he was chatting with
her outside the "South China
Morning Post" Building, at about
11 a.m. yesterday.

Accused was remanded for
further enquiries. Mr. Wei is in
hospital. Bail of \$500 was allow-
ed.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes
is in charge of the case.

CONSTABLE ACCUSED

Police constable No. C.671, Luk
Wai-chi, 21, attached to the No. 7
Police Station, and a 21-year-old
canvasser, Lam Kwan-ping, were
charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon,
K.C., this morning, with demand-
ing \$20 from Wong Tai, with
menaces. The constable was also
charged with accepting a bribe of
\$10 at Wellington Cafe, Queen's
Road West, on Monday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not
guilty on behalf of first-accused.
Hearing was fixed for May 19,
at 2.30 p.m. First defendant was
released on bail of \$1,000.

Detective Sub-Inspector Fowlie
is in charge of the case.

THIEF SENTENCED

Sentence of one year's hard
labour was imposed by Mr. D. J.
N. Anderson, at Kowloon this
morning, on Tsang Yau, 33, a life
banisher, for stealing a suit, case,
containing two overcoats and
three pieces of clothing, and for
a breach of the Deportation
Ordinance.

Accused stole the suit, case
from No. 33, Kai Tak Bund, first
floor, at 4.50 a.m. yesterday morn-
ing and was seen opening it on a
piece of vacant ground near the
house by two constables, who
arrested him.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

THE REASON WHY

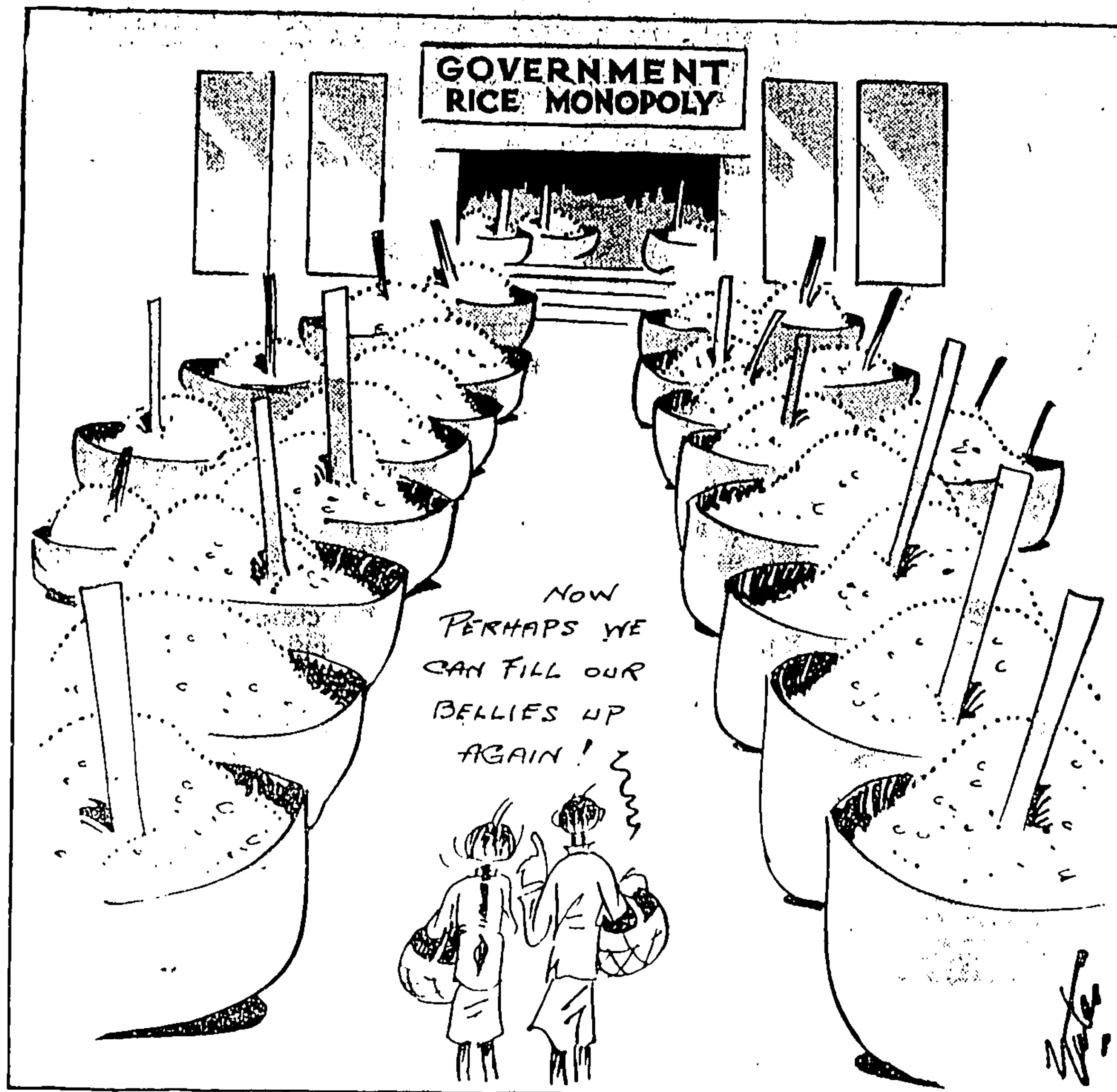
There are many people who, with all the will in the world demanding a British victory in this war, still ask, what good it did for Yugoslavia to offer challenge to German might. The answer may perhaps be detected in a letter addressed to the "New York Times" by the Yugoslavian Minister to Washington, M. Constantin Fotich, who begins by pointing out that the Yugoslavs could have "bargained for their freedom with unscrupulous aggressors."

They might have preserved for a time, at least, a semblance of independent existence if they had been prepared to "cooperate" on the degrading terms that Hitler offered. Why did they choose to resist, and what good did their resistance do? In less than two weeks of fighting their army was forced to capitulate; their leading cities were destroyed; thousands of men, and of women and children too, were killed or maimed; the rest will be treated worse by the Germans than if they had not resisted. How can we say that their resistance was worth while?

That is the question that disheartened people — in Yugoslavia itself, in Turkey, even in Hong Kong — ask themselves. One answer, as Mr. Fotich's letter makes clear, is that this is a decision that a liberty-loving people does not make on any mere cold-blooded calculation. Their choice is immediate and instinctive. They identify liberty with life. They prefer to fight for it even against impossible odds rather than accept an abject slavery tamely. Any other choice is "mentally and spiritually impossible."

But there is another answer too. The sacrifice of the Yugoslavs has not been in vain. Men and women the world over were inspired by the mere spectacle of the Yugoslav defiance — a defiance that was heartening and heroic in proportion to its very hopelessness. The world learned that the willingness of men and women to sacrifice their cities, their homes, life itself, for freedom from tyranny was not dead. The Yugoslav decision, as Mr. Fotich points out, helped us if only to gain time; it disorganised Hitler's schedule and his sources of supply. But long after these important material results have been forgotten, the

memory of Yugoslavia's heroic defiance will stir men's souls and steel their courage. It is because men have been willing to fight against tyranny and oppression and degrading acquiescence, even when their fight was hopeless, that liberty and honour have not perished from the earth.



DI-VESTED INTERESTS

Washington Opinion

By
Arthur Krock

Official temperature has risen in Washington from the low point reached when the German Army drive so quickly overwhelmed the Yugoslavs and Greece, and advanced to the Egyptian border while the German Navy sent thousands more tons of shipping to the bottom of the ocean.

It rose despite the announcement of the Soviet-Japanese treaty, and the greatest air raid ever carried out against London. The reasons for this partial recovery are several.

Since the British forces are still strongly opposing the Germans at the edge of Egypt, the fear that Suez would be gone by May was displaced by hope. Officials, consulting with their military experts, were braced by strong assertions that even if several such disasters occur in the Middle East they will have consumed time and materials indispensable to the Nazis and have contributed nothing to that victory in the Atlantic which is essential to winning the war.

Importance Of Morale

Perhaps the new hopes are no more justified than were the fears they displaced. But a matter of the most vital importance depends in part on whether the official Washington mind is hopeful or despairing, and that is why these registers of temperature should be set down as they occur.

The matter of vital importance is the administration of the policy of all-out aid to Great Britain. This has been successfully de-

veloped until the government is nearing a point where the hard decisions will have to be made. "Short of war," the pledge of the campaign, has been abandoned as a phrase. But it is still acting as a brake on policy because the Administration is not certain whether it would dare to take off the brake. Its disposition has been to defer facing that decision as long as possible and pretend there is no future by the simple process of refusing to admit plans for it.

Thus, though every detail of American naval escortage of supply ships has been worked out, the President dismissed every question on the subject and his responsible Congressional spokesmen continue to assert they never hear the subject mentioned in conferences at the White House. Again, though the decision for all-out aid meant a complete commitment to the cause of German defeat, the official attitude still is that the objective can and must be attained on a formula of reservations: no naval escorts, no fighting men, etc.

Into this atmosphere the President launched statements that the public is unaware of the gravity of the international situation, but that he trusts cracker-barrel debates, forums and the like to produce full awareness, because he believes in the intelligence of the people. It is not likely, however, that this realization will come so long as the government refrains from a clear, candid statement of the facts and continues to imply that wars can be won by half-measures.

Serious View

Public opinion cannot be expected to view the international situation so gravely as the President does if the government puts curbs on some economic groups and not on others. It is difficult to make people believe that their safety is in peril when their government attempts to keep commodity prices low by fiat while encouraging increases in the largest factor of commodity costs, which is wages.

A New Firmness?

But now that Washington has regained some of its poise, the events and necessities of the international situation may find the

government more resolute, more willing to accept the responsibilities of leadership and grim decision. When the lease-lend policy was adopted by Congress, these responsibilities were made inevitable, the only alternative being a reversal of that policy to purely domestic defence. Demands for this reversal have been coming more strongly since the Germans overran Libya. The dual victory theory is held by British military experts, some Germans and a great many Americans. It is based on the thesis that (1) with needed aid from this country, British sea-power can prevent German victory until overwhelming British air superiority over Germany is achieved; (2) that through this air superiority German industry can then be shattered, and the war will be over. Unlike politicians, these military experts do not guarantee that American belligerency will not be required—in addition to peak industrial production—to prove the theory. But they are certain it can be proved unless the German arms should bring about an unexpected debacle in 1941.

Some Events Discounted

The advocates of this theory accordingly discount the Soviet-Japanese pact and the effect of the rapid conquest of Yugoslavia. While the Yugoslavs crumbled much more quickly than surveys had led Washington to expect, the theorists say enough time was lost to Hitler to be somewhat serviceable to the British and enough Serb enmity was engendered to threaten the essential German supply of aluminium from the mines in the Dinaric Alps.

As for the Moscow pact, Major Gen. John H. Russell, U.S.M.C., retired, writing in the "San Diego Union," says that the Japanese, observing the Battle of the Atlantic, have discovered that not fleet action, as previously, but engagements between small naval units decided the fate of supply lanes. From Singapore, he says, the operation of this strategy could sever Japan's life-lines, and the Germans have demonstrated to the Japanese that this is true. Therefore, he concludes, Japan will not engage in any great southward adventure.

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THE ELUSIVE COUNT VON LUCKNER

AFTER RABBITS OR PACIFIC SHIPS?

A BROADCAST to the United States by Edwin Hartrich, NBC representative, from the KZRH studio in Manila, said that the British and Dutch navies had been ordered to catch Count Felix von Luckner, famed German sea raider during the world war, who, it was claimed, is commanding a fleet of 12 German raiders in the Pacific.

Hartrich said he obtained the story from a skipper of a commercial vessel plying between the Dutch East Indies and Manila who was actually operating under instructions from a European admiralty. The story has been known to him for four or five months, Hartrich added.

Hartrich arrived in Manila April 17 from Saigon after a tour of the Far East. He is American correspondent for the London "News-Chronicle," "Newsweek" and North American Newspaper Alliance. He plans to spend about a month in the Philippines. In anticipation of "big news" which he expects will break here in a few weeks.

The first report linking the name of von Luckner with the ship sinkings in the Pacific broke out of Hong Kong on January 3 and was carried by the Associated Press. It said that survivors of two Norwegian merchantmen, one of which was said to have been sunk and the other seized were responsible for the story about von Luckner.

The story was that the crew of a Nazi sea raider boarded a Norwegian ship in Sumatran waters after an exchange of fire in which nine Norwegians were killed. The raider, first mistaken for a peaceful merchantman, turned out to be the Glen Line ship Glengarry, a new ship with a speed of 22 knots, which was seized by the Germans at Copenhagen and sent to the south Pacific by devious routes. Von Luckner himself, so the story goes, addressed the survivors, saying he regretted he had to fire. Altogether he treated the survivors with every consideration.

Headed For Kobe

The raider then went to the Indian ocean. She approached another Norwegian ship with her rails lowered and used shells to sink the vessel. The survivors were taken aboard the raider as captives, and the ship headed for Kobe, Japan, where the prisoners were placed aboard the Nazi liner Scharnhorst. Subsequently a number of the Norwegians were released and repatriation to Norway was arranged by British and Norwegian consular agents.

About the same time British naval officials in London said the commander of the German raider operating in the south Pacific area probably was von Luckner.

Then on February 14, in a broadcast from New York, Lowell Thomas, noted news commentator, read excerpts of a letter from von Luckner purporting to show that the day the famed sea raider was reported tracking down helpless British merchantmen in the south Pacific, he was hunting rabbits in Germany. The letter was mailed at Halle, Germany, on January 1, the day before London dispatches reported him commanding a sea raider.

The letter said in part: "I spend most of the time hunting on the Great Harz forest and at Ingeborg. I am living in a log cabin. The snow is so high I am almost cut off from the outside world."

Anglo-Dutch Operations

Authoritative Batavia quarters said that the Dutch East Indies fleet was constantly cooperating with British fleet units against German sea raiders operating on the south Pacific.

The informants said there was no definite evidence that Count Felix von Luckner, famous German raider commander during the first world war, was again operating in the Pacific area as the commanding officer of a fleet of Nazi raiders. They added the Dutch fleet had no special orders to hunt for von Luckner.

An Australian who survived a

BOY FINED FOR SELLING SISTER

The case, in which a 16-year-old boy was accused of selling his younger sister for \$13, was concluded before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, when all four defendants were convicted.

The boy and Chau Chau-chol, 44, barber were each fined \$20, or three weeks' hard labour, Chau Yee, 47, married woman, was fined \$10, or 10 days' hard labour, and Yau Klu, 41, widow, was cautioned.

Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., who prosecuted, alleged that the barber was a professional trafficker, who was used to visit villages for the purpose of buying children. The widow, who bought the girl, was a respectable woman against whom the police did not wish to press the case.

COXSWAIN FINED

Chan Shu-kan, coxswain of the steam launch "Yauley" was charged at the Marine Court this morning with towing seven junks each of which carried a cargo exceeding 500 piculs.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

VERY HEAVY R.A.F. bombing attacks on enemy aerodromes and landing fields in Cyrenaica are recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which states: "Iraq — throughout Monday aircraft of the R.A.F. maintained constant patrols over Iraq positions outside Habbaniyah R.A.F. station.

Motor transport and personnel were bombed and several direct hits registered on gun positions. Results of the shelling of the R.A.F. station and of a little machine-gun fire were negligible.

Iraqi military positions were bombed at Diwaniya and many direct hits were obtained on barracks and administrative buildings.

Motor transport at Falluja was also hit.

Cyrenaica — a very heavy bombing attack was made during the night of May 4/5 on Benghazi harbour, Benina aerodrome and landing fields at Barce, Derna and Gazala.

At least five enemy aircraft were destroyed by fire at Benina, including one or more large Focke-Wulf Condor troop-carrying aircraft.

Enemy aircraft were also machine-gunned at Benina and

German raider attack at sea some time ago, said he thought the German commander was called Luckner. — Associated Press.

GREEK SUBMARINES AT ALEXANDRIA

Greece's submarines have sailed to Alexandria where they have joined the British Fleet, declares an official statement on the fate of the Greek Fleet issued in Canea (Crete) yesterday.

Of 10 destroyers, three were sunk. Two of 13 torpedo boats succeeded in reaching Alexandria. — Reuter.

NEAR MISS IN HARBOUR

PROMPT ACTION BY THE COXSWAINS PREVENTED A COLLISION BETWEEN A STAR FERRY AND A STEAM LAUNCH TO-DAY.

There were over 100 passengers on the ferry on which great excitement prevailed for some time. The "Golden Star" was proceeding to the Island at about 12.20 p.m. when traffic in mid-stream was held up by an outgoing steamer.

A steam launch "Aeolus," towing a lighter and running parallel with the steamer almost crashed into the ferry boat, the coxswain of the ferry just managing to reverse the boat.

The crew of the steam launch were ready with "bumpers" to "cushion" the crash but the vessels stopped about two yards apart.

Heavy Damage

Our fighters and bombers were active attacking enemy mechanised units in the Bardia, El Adem, Capuzzo and Sollum areas.

Considerable damage was done to vehicles and personnel.

Crete — enemy aircraft raided Crete on May 4 but our fighters intercepted and shot down one JU 88 and damaged several others while A.A. fire damaged several more.

Abyssinia — aircraft of the R.A.F. and S.A.F. continued harassing operations against the enemy in the few areas still held by them.

From all these operations two of our aircraft are missing. — British Wireless.

MR. STIMSON URGES USE OF AMERICAN NAVY Strategic Moment For Guaranteeing Security Of Seas

IMMEDIATE USE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, "TO MAKE THE SEAS SECURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF MUNITIONS TO BRITAIN," WAS URGED BY MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR, IN A BROADCAST SPEECH TO THE NATION LAST NIGHT.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned towards the defence of our nation's safety," he declared.

At the outset, Mr. Stimson answered some critics who to-day were calling him war-monger and who opposed America's present efforts at national defence.

"The fact is that for many years after the Great War, both as a private citizen and as Secretary of State, I laboured with my full strength for the establishment of the reign of law among nations, under which their controversies should be settled by judicial methods instead of by force.

"There was a time when such a movement seemed full of hope. To-day that time has passed — temporarily, we trust — and our hopes of peace have been dashed by international aggression.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned towards defence of our nation's safety.

"For that reason to-night I am speaking of that crisis and of our defence in meeting it.

Hitler's Ambition

"In 1933 a group of men under the leadership of Adolf Hitler obtained possession of the Government in Germany and overthrew the German Republic.

"Both within and without Germany they have set back the clock time more than five centuries. They have embarked on a scheme of conquest which is avowedly intended to be worldwide.

"For that purpose they have built up in secret an immense military machine based on the forced labour of Germany.

Destroying Civilisation

"They have already attacked, conquered or occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, and have reduced the people of these 13 countries to serfdom, semi-slavery and Nazi despotism.

"They have attached to their Axis as vassals two other nations dominated by the same purpose of military conquest — Italy, guilty of unprovoked attacks upon Ethiopia, Albania and Greece, and Japan, guilty of a similar attack upon her neighbour.

"By this conquest they have destroyed western civilisation, which had been slowly building up in Europe ever since the Dark Ages.

Freedom Dashed Aside

"We are so close to these sudden happenings that we can hardly yet realise the havoc which has thus been wrought both within and without the national boundaries of that unhappy continent.

"The growth of freedom has been so long and so steady that we had come to believe it would soon be the recognised system of the whole world.

"All at once it has been dashed aside and trampled on by these Nazi rulers who are proposing to establish a world order in which they shall be masters, the people of all other nations their slaves.

"They have left no such thing as the individual rights of liberty within their territory, or international rights of indepen-

dence without their territory. Both domestic and international law have gone down under their blows.

Rule Of Gestapo

"For the rule of law they have substituted the rule of the gestapo secret police under whose malign terrorism no vestige of personal freedom is safe.

"THIS IS THE SO-CALLED NEW ORDER WE FACE TO-DAY.

"It has openly announced its hostility to us and our order. It has been steadily encroaching our western world.

"Its advance agents are already busy in the Republics to the south of us, building strategic air lines through vital positions on that continent and creeping up towards our Panama Canal.

"Its armed forces are threatening West Africa, looking towards a jumping off place within easy reach of the Brazilian coast.

"ITS PROPAGANDISTS ARE ALREADY VIGOROUSLY ACTIVE IN OUR OWN POPULATION.

Uncommon Skill

"Hitler and his military associates have seized their opportunities with uncommon skill. They have used their power to inculcate into the plastic minds of a generation of youth the abhorrent reactionary doctrines of other men.

"They have taken advantage of modern science to develop in secret, while other nations slept, a mechanised striking force of unprecedented power.

"They have used every method of duplicity and propaganda to surprise their victim nations with sudden attack.

"They now arrogantly confront the world, including ourselves, with the alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising forceful resistance.

America's Policy

"I cannot recall that the United States throughout its history — even when it was small and weak — has yielded to such a demand. — Let us see whether there is any need to change our policy now.

"In the first place, this so-called new order of Hitler's is not new; and it has not and never will create order in this world.

"Hitler's regime of brutal lawlessness is merely one of those temporary reactions which have occurred at intervals during all man's long history of progress upward.

"Since his origin, millions of years ago, ambitious men many times have attempted a worldwide conquest over the liberties of their fellow-men.

Caught Napping

"But they have never permanently succeeded and they never will.

"Hitler has taken advantage of the discontent of the troubled

post-war period to impose his rule upon a docile-minded nation which has more than once temporarily yielded its love of liberty to the efficiency of the autocrat.

"His rise has been facilitated by many an accident which might easily have been prevented. Many an unwary sentinel of liberty has been caught napping at vital moments.

"But, as has always happened before, the progress of man along the path to freedom will be taken up again and carried forward with a new spirit and with fresh knowledge acquired by unhappy experiences of the past.

"TO BE FRIGHTENED INTO THE BELIEF THAT HITLER HAS CREATED A NEW AND PERMANENT WORLD ORDER WOULD BE AS NAIVE AS IT WOULD BE COWARDLY.

Naval Assistance

Mr. Stimson, describing his suggestion of full American naval assistance to Britain, said "For many years we have been building and maintaining our Navy.

"On the day that Navy should make secure the seas for delivery of our munitions to Great Britain, it will render as great a service to our own country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has rendered in all its glorious history.

"Supplementing the efforts of the British Navy, it can render secure all oceans, north, south, west and east, which surround our continent.

"In that way it can help to check the rush of the tide of Nazism until the other defence forces of all the Democracies are completed.

"This would eventually and permanently confine the force of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again.

Strategic Moment

"On the other hand, if our Navy's assistance should be withheld until the power of the British Fleet and nation is broken, its own power of execution would at once shrink to but an impotent fraction of what it could do at the present moment.

"If we should allow the present strategic moment to pass until the power of the British Navy is gone, our Navy would become merely a secondary power instead of a decisive winning power in the world contest.

"IS IT CONCEIVABLE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AFTER THE CAREFULLY DETERMINED COURSE WHICH WE HAVE PURSUED UNTIL THIS MOMENT, AFTER THE CLEAR STATEMENTS AND APPEALS MADE BY OUR PRESIDENT IN RESPECT OF THE DANGER THAT CONFRONTS US, AFTER THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO HIS APPEALS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE BY CONGRESS, AFTER WE HAVE TAKEN OUR PLACE DEFINITELY BEHIND THE WARRING DEMOCRACIES AND AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR NATIONS IN DEFENCE OF OUR FREEDOM, AFTER PROVIDING FOR BILLIONS WORTH OF MUNITIONS TO CARRY ON THAT DEFENCE, AND WHILE WE HOLD IN OUR HANDS AN INSTRUMENT READY AND ABLE TO MAKE ALL THESE STEPS EFFECTIVE, SHALL WE

NOW FLINCH AND PERMIT THESE MUNITIONS TO BE SUNK IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN?

No Precedent

"Our entire history shows no precedent to make such a supposition credible. Neither the Government nor people of the United States have ever given occasion to make anyone believe such an act of irresponsibility and indecision would be possible.

"The unrestricted submarine warfare Germany is carrying on in the north Atlantic, sinking ships without warning and without a possibility of saving the lives of their crews, is not a legal blockade under the rules of marine warfare.

"IT HAS NEVER BEEN RECOGNISED AS LAWFUL BY THE UNITED STATES. AMERICA'S SPOKESMEN AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HAVE AGAIN AND AGAIN CONDEMNED IT AS A FORM OF PIRACY.

"It was expressly the violation of law and humanity involved in unrestricted submarine warfare which in 1917 caused the President and Congress to take up arms in defence of the freedom of the seas.

Berlin Fiat

"To-day, Germany, by these same illegal means, is not only seeking to frighten our commerce and our vessels from the Atlantic, she has extended even into the western hemisphere a zone into which she has forbidden us to enter.

"Hitler has not only torn up the rules of international law but he is expending his lawless activities into our hemisphere.

"Our Government is acting with care and prudence. But our own self-defence requires that limits should be put to lawless aggression on the ocean.

"The President has said we must not allow steps which we have already taken to become ineffective.

Grave Seriousness

"I don't minimise the danger which confronts us. This is an occasion for grave seriousness but not for gloom or despondence.

"I have studied the military policy of the Axis powers and I do not underestimate the courage of their men in battle.

"BUT I ALSO KNOW WELL THE INITIATIVE, APTITUDE AND COURAGE OF THE MEN OF THIS COUNTRY. I HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE PLANS WHICH ARE BEING MADE BY OUR MILITARY AND NAVAL LEADERS FOR OUR DEFENCE.

Full Faith

"Provided all act with promptness and united spirit, I have full faith in the outcome.

"But I am not one of those who think that the priceless freedom of our country can be saved without sacrifice. It cannot.

"That has not been the way by which, during a million years, humanity has slowly and painfully toiled upwards to a better and more humane civilisation." — *Reuter.*

PLOT TO POISON BRITISH WOUNDED

At least two attempts have been made to poison blood donated in New York for British wounded, Captain Charles Skully, of the American Red Cross, revealed to a New York correspondent.

KOWLOON BARRACKS EXPLOSION

Three Chinese workers were killed outright yesterday when a dynamite container suddenly exploded in Whitfield Barracks.

The men, Wong Cheung, 32, Lau Fong, 28, and Chung Yung, 18, were working in the West Fort in Whitfield Barracks, filling containers with dynamite when the accident occurred.

They were the only persons in the West Fort, and no witnesses are available to supply a clue to the cause of the accident.

The entire district, Canton Road, Haiphong Road and Austin Road felt the blast of the explosion.

The men are understood to be fitters of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

TAKUNGPAO HONoured

IT IS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE CHINESE NEWSPAPER "TA KUNG PAO" HAS BEEN AWARDED THE GOLD MEDAL GIVEN EACH YEAR BY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM.

The Award will be made during Journalism Week later this month and the Medal will be received on behalf of the paper by Mr. David Lu, Central News Service correspondent in the United States.

The Award was made in recognition of the manner in which the paper carried on during peregrinations from Tientsin to Chungking, for the high standard of journalism maintained and for its independence in constructive editorials. — *Reuter.*

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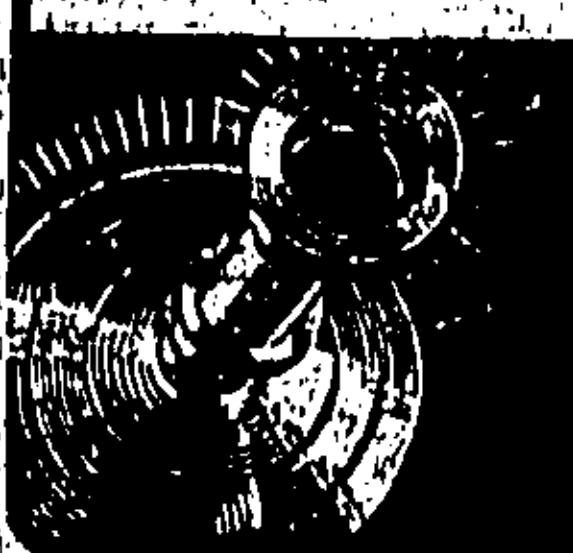
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TOO MUCH TRAPPING

By The Four Aces

"Please settle this argument for us," writes F. R. S., of Hartford, Conn. "My partner and I have agreed that one of us belongs in the booby hatch — so think your answer over carefully.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South part score 60

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K 7 3

♠ 10 7 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 10

6 4

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♠ 9 4
♥ J 10 8 4
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

♠ A Q 8 6 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 9 5 4
♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"There are thirteen tricks in top cards, yet we didn't even explore possibilities! And here are the conditions:

"South maintains that he could not go past two spades for fear North had a really miserable hand. In that case, he might have trouble making even two spades, despite his four aces.

"North maintains that he was 'trapping' — underbidding his hand in the hope of luring the enemy into a defensive bid. Then he would pounce on them with a double. He admits that such bidding occasionally leads to less of a Slam, but contends that it pays dividends in the long run.

"There you are. Which of us needs a keeper?"

Tell North to sit calmly until the man in the white coat comes and takes him away. Trapping does pay big dividends: but only if the opponents can conceivably bid. North's hand was far too strong for the opponents to have any likely bid, so he should have made a strong bid at his second turn. North was like the man who used the best bait in the world—but did his fishing in the bathtub!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	Schenker	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	3♣	Pass	3NT
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: It's a close point whether to pass or redouble. In this case, because you have been doubled by a very fine player, you pass; if the doubler were an average player you should redouble. You have more than enough value for your bids, and your partner's pass indicates a willingness to play at no-trump.

Score 100% for pass, 80% for redouble, 40% for five clubs, 20% for four clubs.

Question No. 709

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ J 7 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenker
Pass	(?)		
What do you bid?	(Answer tomorrow.)		

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REPUTATION NOT HURT, SAYS JUDGE

Only the husband could have heard the slander, if it had been uttered, and it is difficult to see how the wife's reputation could have suffered."

Mr. Justice Tucker said this in the King's Bench Division when he dismissed, with costs, the slander action brought by Mrs. Belina Rosina Morris, costumer, against Cumberland Hotel, Limited, of Sherwood Street, London, W.

Mrs. Morris complained that when she was being visited by her husband at the hotel, words were used by the inquiry superintendent which suggested she was unchaste.

The Judge said that according to the version of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, the inquiry superintendent said, "This is a respectable hotel," and Mrs. Morris was told to pack her luggage and leave.

The inquiry superintendent, Mr. Britton, said he went to point out the hotel rule that when persons of opposite sexes visited each other in single bedrooms the door should be left ajar, and said that, if Mrs. Morris could not comply with it she had better leave.

He (the Judge) accepted Mr. Britton's version in preference to that of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

REJECT WOMEN CHIEFS

Because two inspectors just appointed by a bus company are women, other employees threaten to strike.

Unless the Western National Omnibus Co. withdraw the women, say Taunton employees, work will cease.

Taunton men resent having women placed over them, and girl conductors take the same attitude.

"We would not mind men, but we object to girls being made inspectors who, until a few days ago, were conductors like ourselves," the women say.

The women inspectors are paid the same rate as men—a little over £3 a week without war bonus, which is above the wage of drivers.

"We have no complaints against the efficiency of the women; they are doing wonderful war work," said one of the men. "But men ought to have been given the jobs."

The bus company is owned by the railways and the N.U.R. is trying to settle the dispute.



You no longer are or the younger generation when you let a dose of spring fever get you down.

BRIDE'S HOME WRECKED

A soldier and his bride returned from a dance to find their new home wrecked.

That was one of the incidents of an air raid on a north-east town. There were a few casualties. One was fatal.

A girl of twenty-four, who arrived from London a few days ago to stay with her mother-in-law, died mainly from shock soon after the raid.

A boy of sixteen and a woman of seventy are among the injured. Poultry were killed by one of the bombs which fell on allotments.

Springtime And Children's Health.

To many children, Spring is a time of difficulty. The change in weather conditions and the fickleness of the temperature affect them; they get off colour, fall victim to colds, and to stomach and bowel troubles.

To correct such health irregularities, parents should remember to keep Baby's Own Tablets always handy. The gentle laxative action of these Tablets tones up the stomach and internal organs generally. At the first sign of irregularity in the natural functions, the child should be given one or two of these pleasant-tasting little tablets which all children take without any persuasion. Baby's Own Tablets are guaranteed harmless and to contain only those ingredients which are known to prove beneficial for children's ailments. Baby's Own Tablets ease cramp and relieve colds, reduce simple fevers, check diarrhoea, expel worms and settle any abnormal conditions in stomach or bowels. During teething they are exceptionally helpful, easing pains and thus enabling baby to enjoy health-giving sleep. All chemists can supply you with Baby's Own Tablets.

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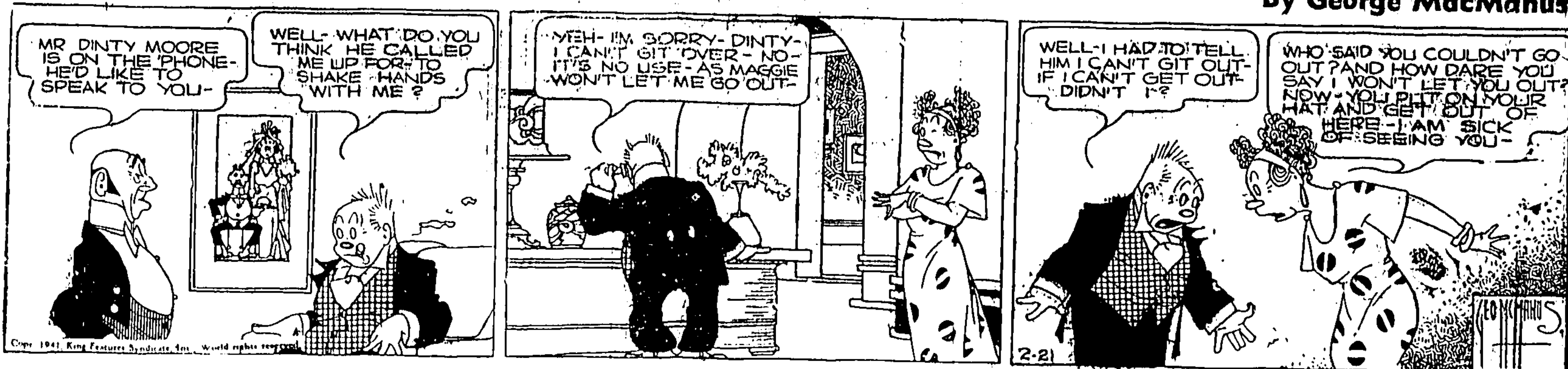
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Falling Hair In Spring

Don't be alarmed if your hair is falling out when you comb or brush it. Hair has a tendency to fall out during early or late spring, depending upon the individual's body mechanism, and new hair is most likely beginning to grow.

But it is this new hair which we must pamper and encourage. It starts to grow just when our vitality is likely to be at its lowest—after months of winter weather and confinement. Perhaps our grandmothers realised this and so insisted upon giving or taking a "spring tonic"—concentrated nourishment for the blood which in turn would feed the hair and revitalise it.

The spring tonic idea is still a good one. You can ask your physician for the name of a well-balanced tonic or for the vitamin combination which you might now need. Get out into the fresh air and sunshine too—they help as much as any tonic you can take.

External Care

Both men and women should adopt a scalp care schedule and follow it faithfully for at least two months. Daily, or three times a week, application of a good scalp tonic. You can determine which tonic to use by examining your scalp. Is your hair dry or oily? Do you have dandruff? Is your hair falling more than it should? Buy the corrective preparation and use it. After applying it massage your head well with your fingers for at least five minutes. Then brush your hair from the roots out to the very ends.

Too frequent washing of the hair is not good. Try to go three weeks without a soap shampoo. Between shampoos you can clean your hair by stuffing your brush with cotton, or by using one of those good dry shampoos.

Very dry hair should be treated with hot oil the night before a shampoo or just previous to the shampoo. Some hairdressers scorn this old-fashioned remedy but



This unusually lovely coiffure was designed in the Elizabeth Arden Salon of New York. It's half hidden halo braid is chic and becoming.

other outstanding hairdressers say "oil, and more oil for dry hair or for hair that has been tinted or bleached."

If you want luxurious hair you cannot discount any step of the suggested treatment. Along with all that external care you should rest and eat well, keep your head covered when you are in strong

sun, occasionally change your part, have your hair trimmed every three months (especially if you have permanents), and have it set with very diluted lotion or with plain water.

You'll find that your hair will respond to good treatment and its latent beauty will blossom with the flowers of spring!

Vitamin G Necessary to Normal Hair Growth, Also to Skin Beauty



I hope that those of you who have been following these vitamin articles realise that a balanced diet, which contains some of each known vitamin, is necessary to health and beauty. A deficiency in any one of these vitamins is bound to be revealed in one way or the other.

For instance a deficiency in Vitamin G causes digestive disturbances, lack of vigour, impaired growth, loss of hair, cataract, ulceration of the tongue, loss of weight. It is also said that sterility in male or female is partly caused by a deficiency of Vitamin G.

Vitamin G improves growth and is very important to children as it promotes health. It is found in these foods: spinach, cabbage, bananas, liver, kidney, prunes, ripe plantains, turnip, carrot, beet tops, dried peas, veal, beef, malted milk, eggs, buttermilk, yeast, asparagus, avocado pear, watercress, coconut, and cauliflower.

So if you have any of the ailments listed at the beginning of this column you should eat more of the food listed directly above.

How Much Needed?

Dr. Casimir Funk, the vitamin man, tells us that an infant requires 750 grammes of Vitamin G each day. Adolescents require 1,000 grammes; adults, 1,000 grammes; and expectant mothers 1,500 grammes. Vitamin G is also known as Vitamin B₉, riboflavin and lactoflavin. It is a very important vitamin as you may judge. If your doctor tells you that you

are most deficient in this vitamin you may take it in concentrated form until you correct what ails you, then you should see that your daily menus supply you with the foods which contain it. Just to give you some idea of how much of these foods you should eat to get sufficient Vitamin G daily I shall quote Dr. Funk again: 4½ ounces of egg yolk supplies enough for a child daily; 6 ounces of prunes supplies enough for an adolescent; 12 ounces of beef supplies enough for an adult.

4 ounces of liver supplies enough for an expectant mother. Now let me hasten to caution you not to eat daily these suggested doses. No adult wants 12 ounces of beef every day. He should get his Vitamin G by eating a portion of several of the foods listed which contain Vitamin G—balance his menus. For instance one egg, five prunes, a slice of liver and a serving of cabbage and carrots will supply about what you need in a day. A child should have an egg, prunes or a banana and some vegetables.

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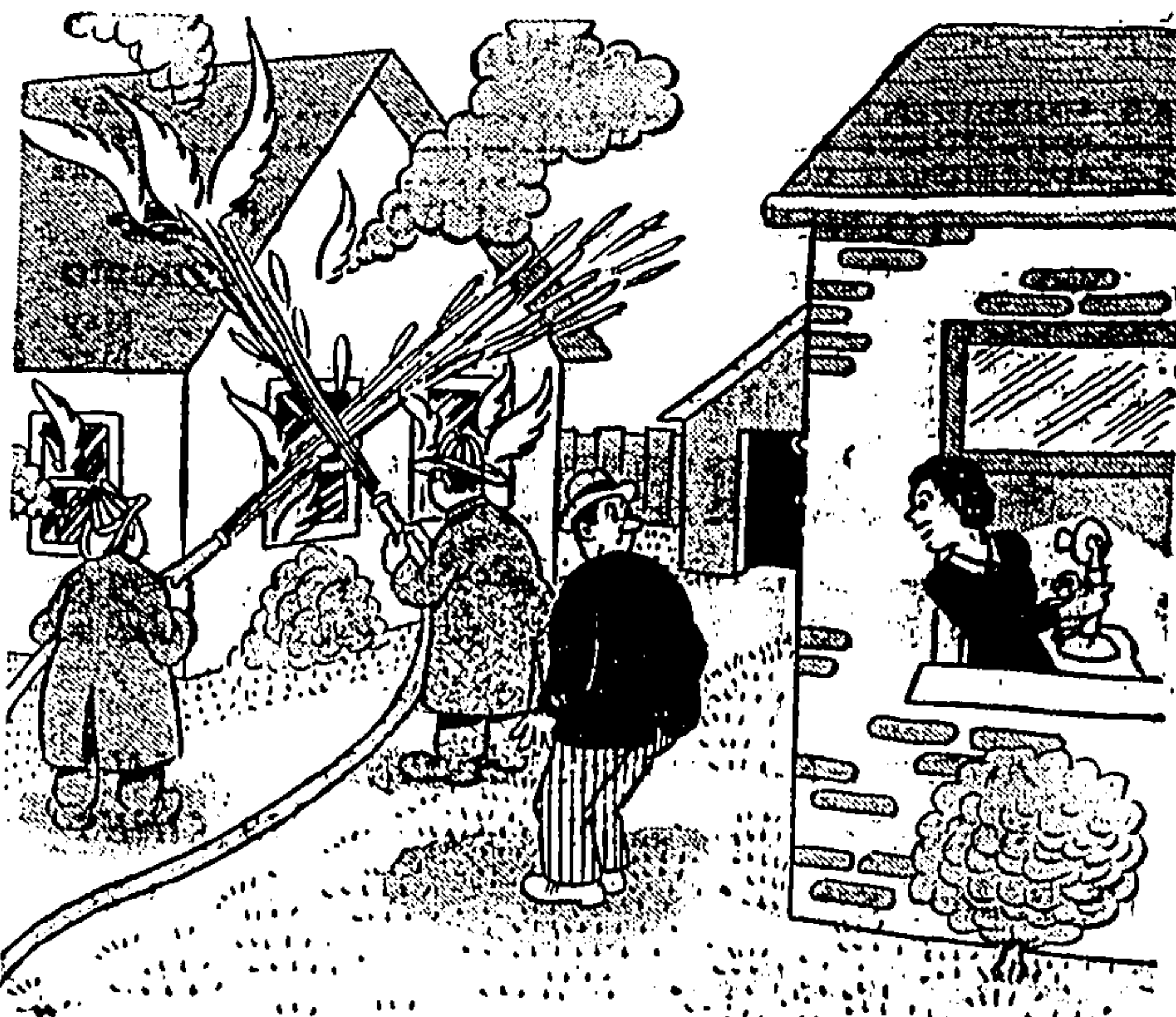
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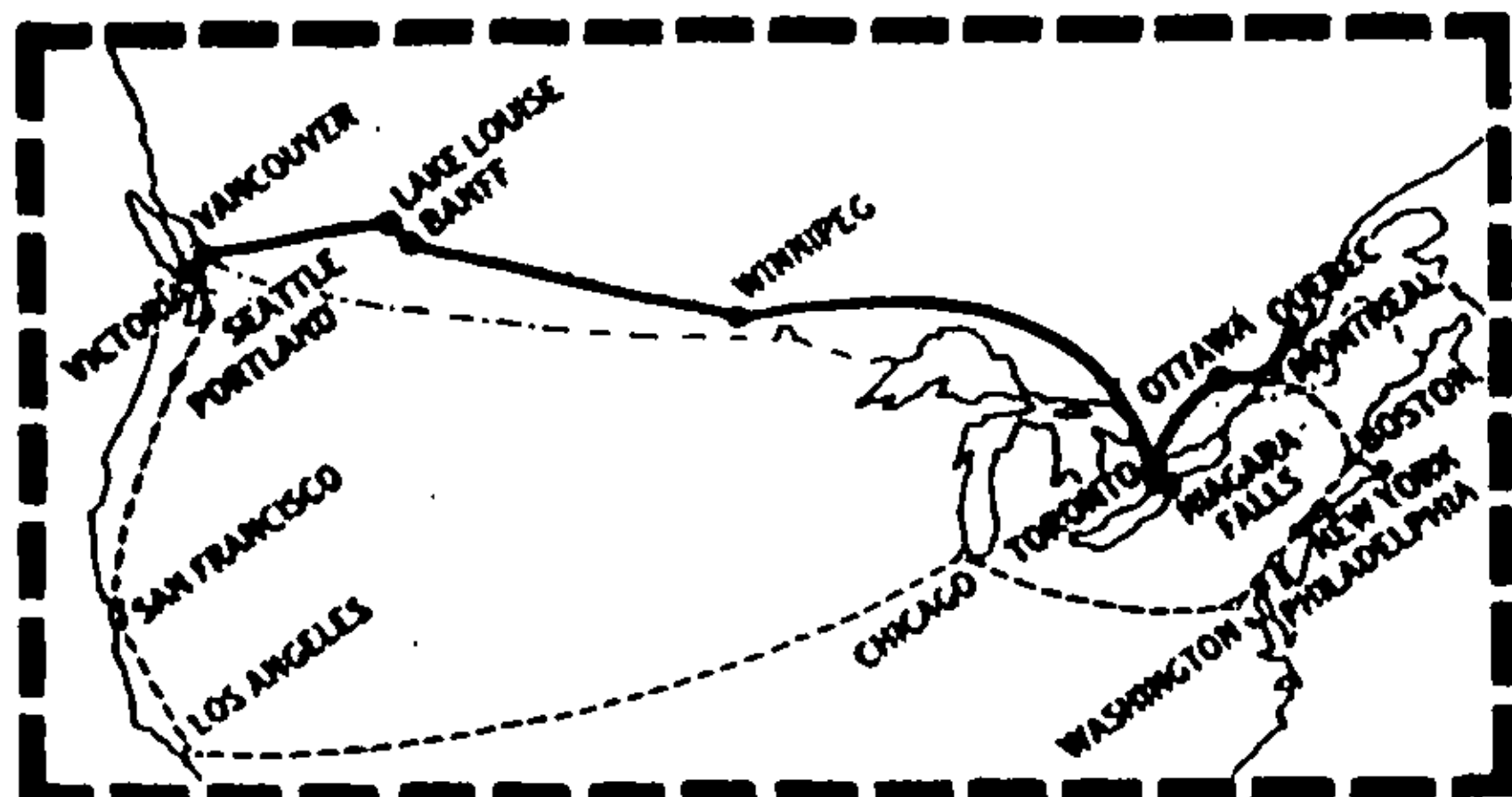
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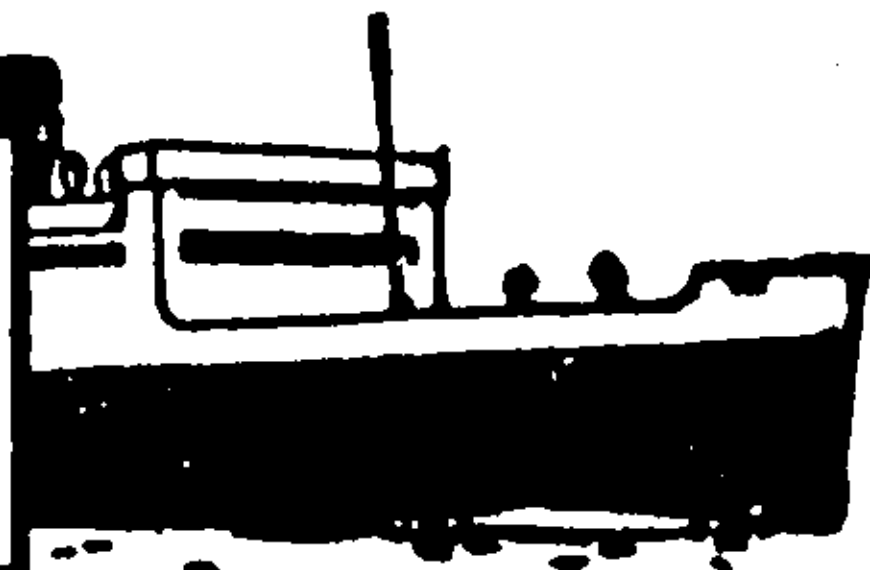
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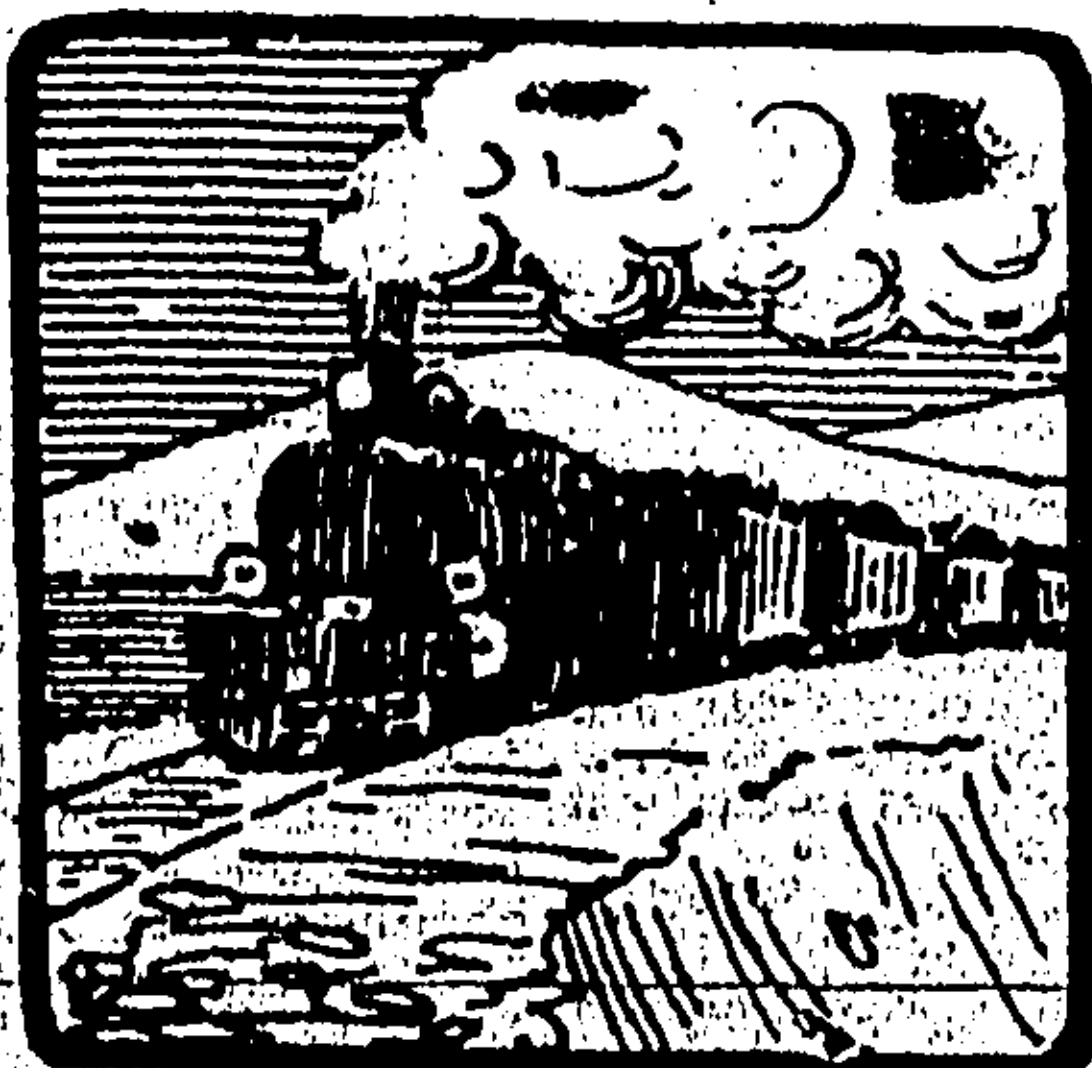
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1.01 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please Teacher".
1.15 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.
L'Heure Exquise (Hahn); The Violin Song (from "Tina"); The Child and his Dancing Doll (Jonny Heykens); Spanish Serenade (Jonny Heykens) assisted by J. Byfield (Piano) and J. Samehlini (Cello).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Chloe; Jam Session; And the Angels Sing; Rose of Washington Square; I'll Always be in love with you; Make Believe; One Sweet Letter from You; Scatterbrain; Can't You Tell?
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. Chu Chin Chow—Selection (Norton) Gaumont British Orchestra cond. by Louis Levy. "Monsieur Beaucaire"—English Maids; Red Rose... Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra. "Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Clusam) The New Mayfair Orchestra. "Veronique"—Trot here and there (Donkey Duet)... Winnie Melville & Derek Oldham with Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—A List Programme. Scherzo and March... Louis Kentner (Piano); Polonaise No. 2... State Opera Orchestra; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 9... Louis Kentner (Piano).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell. Suite for Strings—1st Mov.: Andante maestoso (quasi adagio)—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Tempo di Minuetto; 3rd Mov.: Andantino; 4th Mov.: Allegretto giocoso; 5th Mov.: Largo; 6th Mov.: Allegro... Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli. Passing By... The Kentucky Minstrels, soloist—John Duncan. The Faery Queen—Three Dances—Hornpipe; Rondeau; Jig... The Jacques String Orchestra. Chaconne... Society of Ancient Instruments.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 6 Stevenson. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).
The Pearl Fishers (Bizet)—Cavatine de Lella; Comme autrefois dans la nuit sombre; C'est lui, mes yeux l'ont reconnu... with Orchestra. Serenade (Toselli—D'Amor)... with Piano and Cello.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—New Variety. Vocal—Irish Washerwoman (Traditional); In the Mood (Andy Razaf—Joe Garland)... The Four King Sisters with Orchestra. Instru.—Alamo March; Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine—Waltz... Charles Kama & his Moana Hawaiians. Instru.—South (Charles & others); Don't Leave Me Now ("Slim" West—Jimmie Davis)... Two Guitars and A Bass with singing. Instru.—Maori Brown Eyes... Manny Klein's Hawaiians with Vocal Refrain. Vocal—How Come You Do Me Like You Do? (Gene Austin—Bergero); Smoke Gets in your Eyes (from "Roberta")... Dinah Shore with Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solos by Reginald Foort.
Reminiscences of Friml—Intro.; Indian Love Call; The Mounties; Chanson; The door of my dreams; Rose Marie; March of the Vagabonds; Only a Rose; L'amour toujours l'amour; Serenade, Lover, Come Back to Me; One Kiss (both from "New Moon"—Romberg). Seville (Haydn Wood)... with Orch.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Correspondence Column"—Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano) & Dorothy Lamour (Vocal). Blue Moon (Hart—Rodgers); You and the Night and the Music (from revue "Stop Press")... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. Panamiana (film—"Swing High, Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film—"Tropic Holiday")... Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orchestra. I'm in love with the Honourable Mrs. So and So (film—"Society Lawyer")... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. I Gotta Right to sing the Blues (Koehler—Arlen)... Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orch.
10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quick Step—This Can't Be Love (film—"Up and Doing"); Fox-Trot—When Night Is Through... Joe Loss and his Band. Rumba—Caramba; Fandango—Alfonso; Tejada and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—You're a Lucky Guy! You're Just a No Account... Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra. Slow—Fox-Trot—Bon Voyage, Cheria; Waltz—Love Never Grows Old... Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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I take this opportunity of placing on record our appreciation of the loyal and efficient services rendered by our Floating and Shore Staff, and we are not unmindful of what has to be contended with at sea and even in port to-day. A Bonus of 10% on wages paid during 1940 has been granted to all Officers and also a further War Risk Bonus of \$20 per month is also being paid to certificated Officers.

I regret to state that Mr. Neil Lang, an old and trusted Chief Engineer, who had been in our employ for 33 years, and was serving on the 'HAIYANG,' passed away in Colombo on Christmas Day, and in his passing we have sustained a heavy loss and he will be missed by many owing to his genial disposition and many charitable acts.

New Tonnage

Seconding the proposal for the adoption of the reports and accounts, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher said:

I am sure Shareholders will join me in congratulating all concerned on the very good results obtained. The financial position of our Company is strong and our ships have been written down to very conservative values.

The policy of adding to our already large reserves for the purpose of building or purchasing new tonnage will commend itself on the ground of prudence alone, and it seems important that we continue the policy of further consolidating the position of our Company.

The loyal support of the Company's Officers afloat has contributed in no small measure to achieve the good results shown, and I am glad to

Other Business

Mr. C. B. Brown proposed the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. L. J. Davies and Mr. M. H. Turner as members of the Consulting Committee and was seconded by Mr. T. Ramsey.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis as Auditors was proposed by Mr. W. A. Kirby and seconded by Captain W. B. Patey.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. W. A. Kirby proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Company for the results achieved during the year.

Those present included: Mr. S. T. Williamson (Chairman) Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. L. J. Davies and M. H. Turner, (Consulting Committee) Messrs. C. B. Brown, N. V. A. Croucher, W. L. Kirby, Hon Yan Lam, T. Ramsey and Captain W. B. Patey (Shareholders) Mr. C. L. Farmer (Secretary.)

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SAPPERS TAKE 5-3 DECISION IN FRIENDLY BASEBALL MATCH

Canucks Beaten In Pre-Season Fixture

BATTING HONOURS FOR TOMMY TOMASHEVSKY

By "Grandstand"

ROYAL ENGINEERS triumphed over the Canadians 5-3 in a friendly pre-season baseball tilt at Caroline Hill last Saturday. It was a close game, featured by Engineer hurler Sarsfield's fine debut on the hill. Working for seven frames, Sarsfield whiffed one, passed four and scattered five hits, whilst "Wild Bill" Smith for the losers fanned four, walked six and doled out two safeties.

Canadians lost the toss and went in to bat first. Johnnie Fisher rapped out a stinging two-bagger and burgled the payoff station to chalk up the first counter for the Canucks.

Gas Oliver drew a pass on the gravy train and pilfered second, but the scoring threat was snuffed with a brilliant double killing, when centre-fielder Ratcliffe clamped his hands on Bakar's towering fly, and relayed to second to erase Oliver, who had started for the home-plate with the crack of the bat.

The boys in khaki went into the lead as Shaw, Foley and Fox denied the station in their half of the chapter, on a measly single and two walks assisted by three miscues. With two gone in the second semester, keystoneer Wally "Sarge" Welford booted Victor Tim's easy grounder for another Canadian marker to trickle over the plate.

Two Free Passes

In the third stanza, after Foley grounded and Fox had popped out, "Wild Bill" conceded two successive passes to put ducks in the pond, both runners eventually scoring on "Cyclone" Bakar's expensive bobble of Ratcliffe's roller. After Tomashevsky had poled out a triple in the fourth, the Olivermen crossed up a run-and-hit set-up as Bill Pullen and Blas popped out weakly. For the remainder of the game both sides dished out air-tight fielding, with the Canadians pushing over one more tally on two successive hits in the sixth.

Canuck keystoneer Tommy Tomashevsky was the big gun of the day, clouting two of his team's five blows, one of which was good for a three-bagger, the longest blow of the fray, whilst right gardener Cork ripped one through the infield for the Sappers in his only trip to the plate.

Johnnie Fisher, who guarded the windy alley for the Canucks, plastered Sarsfield for the other extra-base clout with a double.

Forumers Win 'Annual'

Sunday was the night for English Forumers to howl, after they had humiliated their long standing rivals, Canadian Chinese Club, in their annual "classic," when they emerged victors in a 3-2 nose-out at the Chatham Road Military Football Ground.

Forumers drew first blood when they beat the Canadians in the Colony's first softball season three

years back, but the Maple Leafs had the laugh on the Forumers the last two years. This year's Forum victory evened the count two-all.

Forumers fielded a team mostly of players from the junior South China nine, with the addition of "Huckjai" Kitchell, patrolling up the windy gap, whilst the Canadians fielded their Senior league first-stringers, strengthened by George White and Kassa Nazarin.

Bill Kwan toed the rubber for the winners and was nicked for four blows, whilst the Forumers jumped on hurler Herbie Quon for six safeties. Kwan walked two and fanned none, whilst Herbie Quon whiffed one and passed one.

"Shut-Out" Ball

For the first two frames both sides played shut-out ball, and it was not until the third that the Canadians broke the ice with a counter, and added another in the fifth after bunting up three hits.

Forumers broke into the scoring column in the sixth when Kitchell and Cecil Winglee both denied the counting-station on a hit and a passed ball to knot the count. The tie-breaker was produced by Forumers in the last chapter, when Chung pinch-hitting for "Dopey" Lo, banged out a single and later trotted home with the winning run, after a pitch had eluded hindsnatcher Kassa Nazarin.

"Smalley" Pang pulled the surprise of the day by connecting safely twice in three times up, whilst Young Lee clouted the longest hit of the scuffle with a two-bagger.

Truelight girls trounced Ella Chinn's Chung Hwa-maids 11-2 on their home ground at Stubbs Road last Saturday. A spurge of five runs in the last stanza cinched the game for the Truelighters. Yvonne Poon noled out a round-tripper for Chung Hwa, whilst Margie Woo and Lai Bik-kwong homered for the winners.

BILLIARDS

RECREIO BEAT K.C.C.

Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club played a return billiards and snooker match at K.C.C. last night, the visitors winning by seven games to one.

Results, K.C.C. players being mentioned first:

Billiards—J. H. S. Duncan lost to E. M. Soares, 116-200. (Soares's best break 37); E. C. Curtis beat C. Cunha, 150-110; E. R. Zimmerman lost to J. O. Remedios, 195-200; A. H. Martin lost to P. A. Yanovitch, 72-150.

Snooker—J. R. Luke lost to J. E. Noronha, 60-104. (Noronha's best break 17); T. W. Carr lost to A. A. Noronha, 62-131. (Noronha's best break 22); A. Bogo lost to J. C. Remedios, 46-103; R. J. Fenlon lost to C. E. Rozario, 90-93.

SUGGESTIONS TO H.K.F.A.

Several suggestions were drawn up at the meeting of the Referee's Association at their meeting yesterday to be presented to the Football Association for consideration at the annual meeting.

The suggestions included an all-round increase in fees; travelling expenses; as the Navy and Army had no local handbook, the rules for Kotewall Cup matches be included the H.K.F.A. handbook; the Referees' Association should receive written information as to whether a referee was the sole judge whether a ground was fit for play; the grounds at Happy Valley should be marked off on the day of League games; official line-men should be provided where teams were running neck and neck for the championship; fees or medals be given in charity matches.

Mr. Beard's Talk

Mr. Beard in his talk on football said in part:—

I consider that one of the most important things which it is necessary for a referee to possess, is a good sense of human nature and I am of the firm opinion that it is most necessary for every referee to make a study of human nature.

There are games in which it is necessary for the referee to find out, as quickly as possible, the temperaments of the majority of the players on the field, and when one realises there is only a maximum of 70 minutes, in most games in the Colony, in which this can be done, it is no mean task, especially when one must take into consideration the fact that every one of the 22 players may be "weighing up" the referee with an equally keen sense of human nature. In most games the referee has to do most of his summing up within the first 10 or 15 minutes.

To explain just what I am driving at, take the player who, on the spur of the moment, brings down his man in a way not allowed by the Book. Very often it is quite obvious, although it was intentional, there was no real badness in his tackle and, in these cases, I find as a general rule, a word of warning, when you are next near this player, all that is necessary. We should always remember that there are but few of us who have not done something much the same, in our playing days, without having the slightest ill-feelings towards our opponent. I find the same kind of warning is generally all that is required in the case of the chap who gets so keen as to be dangerous. His charges or tackles are not made with the intention of hurting his opponent, and a friendly word will often curb his keenness.

Players who commit such offences, are not, usually, much trouble to the referee.

Then we get the player who cannot stand being beaten by a better man without having to show his resentment in no uncertain manner. In a case like this, I have found, it is very little use just giving a word of warning without stopping the game. The nature of the chap who cannot stand being beaten is not, as a rule, one who will take a friendly tip from the referee. Here, I most certainly consider it advisable the referee should, on the very first occasion, be very definite in the way he informs the player that he has seen the offence, and there will not be another one allowed to happen without the offender being told to "GO!"

Injured Innocence

Now I must speak of the player whom I consider the most troublesome; the man with the permanent air of injured innocence; you must all have experienced such a player. Every time he is robbed of the ball, he has been fouled, and should be given against him, out of his arms in an appeal to his fellow players and spectators. If he handles the ball, and you award a free kick against him, he always shows you the motion of his forehead where the ball hit him, despite the fact that he is still rubbing his wrist or arm. As for being off-side, well, he never has been, and he is at least five yards behind the ball when it was last played. I really consider this type of WHINING player is very difficult to deal with, and very often it is necessary for the referee to put up with quieting him before he has a definite case of ungentlemanly conduct.

Now for a word about the player who tries to bluff the referee into giving something for nothing. Now when you



you said to yourself: "Was he tripped?" "Is he really hurt?" and you have to make your mind up in a fraction of a second. It is certainly possible, especially in the case of injury, for a player to bluff you the first time, as to the degree of injury, but if a close watch is kept on the quick way in which he recovers, well—do not let him bluff you a second time!

I have often asked myself the question "Is it human nature for a player to be loyal to his team and the referee?" All players expect—and quite rightly, too—the referee to be unbiased; in other words equally loyal to both teams. But how often do you find that a player is often very pleased if he can handle the ball without being seen and will even boast to his fellow players, in the dressing room or bus, of what he has "got away with" during the game.

Referees Must Be Fit

These incidents are, of course, more likely to happen in junior matches in the Colony, where the referee is on his own, which only goes to emphasise the fact that the referee must make a special effort towards keeping himself fit for junior games owing to the necessity for his closer contact with the play than is really the case in the Senior Shield and League games or Representative matches, where he has the assistance of two other qualified referees.

In conclusion, I would like to refer to incidents which happen, which make it difficult to act against human nature. Take the case of a goal-kick, after a scramble on the goal line, and an appeal is made for a corner and a defending player tells you the ball came off his foot before going out of play. Now it is only human nature to admire that player for his honesty and act upon his word BUT it is also very essential to bear in mind how this might re-act. Let us suppose a goal is awarded later in the same match against this defending player's side and the same player comes up and tells the referee that the scorer of the goal handled the ball before scoring. If you HAD acted on his version of the corner incident, by changing your decision, isn't it only logical for the man to expect you to take his word and act on it when it is to the advantage of his own side? The moral is, I am sure, obvious, to all—"make your own decisions and stick to them."

Tribute To Mr. Minihan

I wish to take this opportunity of saying a few words on Mr. Minihan's departure from the Colony. It came as a great shock to me and I know it will to you all, when I learnt of his leaving. His splendid work on our committee, and as Hon. Secretary of Army Referees' Committee, Hong Kong, is well known and has earned him respect of all workers and followers of soccer here.

During his sojourn here, he had one object in view, the betterment of the game both from the referees' and administration point of view.

No one realises more than I do how he will be missed by this Association and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his loyal support to me since I have occupied the chair, and on behalf of this Association, I wish him the very best of luck in the future and continued success in the soccer world.

The Navy's Share

Mr. Glover, Hon. Sec., R.N.R.M. Referees' Association, said:— "There is little I can add to our Chairman's remarks about our esteemed colleague excepting that it came also as a great blow to me because by this I lose a personal friend and the R.A., a valuable member."

We have agreed and disagreed times out of number but at all times have been struck by his untiring and unselfish work for the R.A., and the betterment of the game in Hong Kong. He has just lately planted seeds, the fruit of which will no doubt benefit the referees and our Association in general and I only regret he will not be here to see them bear fruit. On behalf of the Navy Association I wish him good luck.

TODAY'S SOCCER

South China will meet Royal Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. today in a friendly soccer game.

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. tennis Committee held on Monday it was decided to hold the Y.M.C.A. Member's Singles Handicap championship for the Yeall Cup during May and June. Entries close on May 14. Entry lists are open at Y.M.C.A.

EASTERN GIVEN PERMISSION

At a special meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association, Eastern were given permission to tour Australia.

The team will leave some time this week and will include a number of Sing Tao players. The first game will be played at Sydney on May 30. In all 17 games have been arranged to be played.

Following are the players making the tour.

Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao).

Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern).
Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao).
Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao).
Y. S. Yeng (Eastern).

Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao).
Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao).
Choi Ah-fai (Sing Tao).
Kui Wing-fuk (Eastern).
Leung Wing-chui (Sing Tao).

Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao).
Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao).
Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern).
Hui Man-ful (Eastern).

Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao).
Hau Ching-to (Eastern).
C. T. Tsao (Eastern).
Ip Pak-wah (Sing Tao).
Manager:—Mr. Chen Fok-yu.
Hon. Secretaries:—Mr. Wellington Woo and Sui Tim-ling.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

RECREIO

First Division "A" (v. K.C.C., Away).
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip).
L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).
F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).
First Division "B" (v. I.R.C., Home).
H. R. Pinna, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).
F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, Eddie Sousa and Bebe Basto (Skip).
A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).
Second Division (v. K.T.G.A., Away).
E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, A. V. Barros and O. P. Remedios (Skip).
G. A. Ribeiro, N. Beltrao, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip).
L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios and J. A. Remedios (Skip).
Third Division (v. Police R.C., Home).
G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, F. J. A. Marques and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).
Fat d'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).
A. A. Lopes, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

W. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip).
R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip).
A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler and C. E. Gahagan (Skip).

KOWLOON TONG

N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lam, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip).
H. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip).
H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip).

V.R.C. MEETING

The annual meeting of Victoria Recreation Club will be held in the clubhouse at 6.30 p.m. today.



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£500,000 GOES TO THE DOGS EACH WEEK IN ENGLAND

MORE THAN £500,000 is being gambled on the dogs in this rough old island week by week, writes Paul Irwin in the "Sunday Express."

I am not rushing in to condemn such big-scale betting even if there is a war on. Far from it. If you say that £500,000 would buy a lot of Savings Certificates, I answer that it would buy half a million pounds' worth. No more, no less.

All I do here is to pinpoint the great greyhound mystery for mystery it is. Facts and figures from all over the country show that the average dog follower's betting budget is around the £3 a week mark.

Ponder that fact. Money is tight. We are taxed to the eyebrows. Prices are soaring. We are asked to lend to win this war. And yet, on average, the dog fan gambles £3 a week.

The Figure

How do I get that figure? Here's the way of it. Working on tote returns and the volume of betting with the bookmakers, I estimate that twenty tracks in and around London give £230,000-£250,000.

The total attendance figures each week are about 80,000. So a little simple arithmetic soon shows that the £3 average stands so far as the London area is concerned.

Now there are fifty odd tracks, including those outside the National Greyhound Racing Club, in the provinces. Many do business every bit as good as the Londoners.

Liverpool way, I am told, £5,000 passed through the tote machines—this when the crowd was about 2,000. And another northern track recently showed £9,584 in tote wagers from a 5,000 crowd.

So it goes on. Newcastle has four tracks. The most popular, it is estimated does between £5,000 and £6,000 business weekly.

In London

Now switch back to London. Last December a couple of tracks—one in the north, the other in the south—pulled in more than £40,000 on the tote between them.

The rush to the windows for 2s. tickets was so brisk at one stand-

um that the staff was overwhelmed. When race intervals were increased, 4,000 more tickets were sold on the next event.

Now I don't need to tell you that there is nothing so timid as £40,000. I hope, too, that I don't really have to explain that when you bet on the tote the money is not sunk for all the gamblers all the time.

As a fact the tote offers a fair bet, as far as you'll get anywhere. With the exception of six per cent kept by the tracks for overheads and their slice of profit, the public get back all the cash—the winners get it, anyhow. "Really, there is precious little won or lost by the greyhound racing regular," said a London track official. "Mind you, I'm talking about the man or woman who plays the tote."

"I'll be frank. Figures show that over a period, say a season, the average any one wins or loses is about 1s. 6d. It may not seem that way if they have a run of luck, good or bad, but that's how we work it out."

"Relaxation"

"They can't win in the end? Well, there's always that six per cent, which we keep. That never goes back. Yet, taking it all the way round, we give real relaxation—the thrill of a gamble—at a cost comparing pretty favourably with the cinemas or soccer. And don't forget this. You'll never stop the Englishman having a flutter on a horse or a dog."

Who are these gamblers? War workers (with a bit of extra cash), men in the Services, Civil Defence workers—"the old gang in uniforms."

Even the Army believes the Tommy is better off for a mild gamble. Anyhow, one brigadier arranged a dog meeting, stumping up twenty-five guineas for a cup and getting private owners to lend their greyhounds.

Now for something about the lean, clean-lined dogs that go to make up the animated roulette they call greyhound racing. The National Greyhound Racing Club have about 6,000 animals register-

Tsui Yan-pui Favoured For First Singles Title Recent Impressive Form

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's programme:—

OPEN SINGLES

Final

Tsui Wai-pui v Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15.2) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (—15.2) (8).

ed with them to-day. It used to be more, many more, before the war.

What It Costs

The cost to kennel a dog at the top-class tracks is anything between 15s. and £1. For that the greyhound is trained, graded for races, given his eats—"Nothing that's fit for human consumption." I am assured—and the chance to win some money for this boss.

Fifteen shillings a week to keep a dog! Why, it only costs 8s. 6d. to house and feed a child evacuee over the same span of time. Why this? Maybe the answer is that no child evacuee ever yet ran fast enough to win the Dog Derby.

Think it over.

CINEMA CLUB

Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Cinema Club are asked to note that the meeting originally arranged for to-day has been postponed until Monday, May 19, when a programme of films, depicting war scenes, and some comedy reels will be presented.

The meeting, which will be held in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., will open at 7 p.m. Members and their friends are invited to attend.

SERVICE MAY DECIDE ISSUE

By "Adrem"

THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS FINAL OF 1939 WILL BE RE-ENACTED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN TSUI WAI-PUI, WHO WON THE TITLE ON THAT OCCASION, WILL MEET HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, YAN-PUI, ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

It is the opinion of many followers of the game that the previous result will be reversed this afternoon and Tsui Yan-pui will win his first crown.

On the form shown by the two men in their recent matches, this is by no means improbable but I cannot believe that Wai-pui's form against Sirdar Runjahn can be anything like his true form—it was too bad to be true in fact.

Much had been made of that semi-final and I am certain that Tsui was over-anxious and therefore cramped in all his strokes. Against his brother this factor should not again arise and I shall be surprised if he does not show vast improvement.

Yan-pui's Coolness

On the other hand, Yan-pui has impressed in all his matches with his coolness under all circumstances. All his strokes have been working fluently, while his service is probably 25 per cent. better at the moment than it has ever been. All being equal this service will probably decide the match as although Wai-pui has completely reorganised his service and now indulges in a heavy slice, I don't think the high bound of the ball will worry his brother very much.

I favour Yan-pui to win but I don't think there will be very much in it.

H.K.C.C. TOURNEY

In the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Handicap Doubles semi-final match played yesterday C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15.2) beat R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6), 6—3, 6—1.

The winners now meet T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould in the final.

ONE ARMY MATCH

Only one match in "B" Division of the Army Tennis League was played at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Scots defeated Royal Army Pay Corps by three points to nil.

The match between Middlesex and 36th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, was cancelled owing to the downpour of rain at 5 p.m. Following are the detailed scores:

Sgt. Elsley and L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Norrell and Cpl. Ingleby, 6—1, 6—1, 6—1.

L/Cpl. Downing and Bdm. Dribble (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Luckhurst and L/Sgt. Luckhurst and L/Sgt. Chalcraft 6—0, 6—0, 6—1.

Cpl. Ogden and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.) beat Sgt. Reed and Pte. Pendergast, 6—3, 6—0, 7—5.



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U.S. "WAR" CABINET MEETS

Heads Of Army, Navy And Air Force Attend

Discuss Acceleration Of Production

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday called in the chief members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Army and Navy for a discussion on the question of acceleration of production of bombers.

The conference was attended by Mr. Cordell Hull, Col. Henry Stimson, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Col. Frank Knox, Mr. Harry Hopkins (supervisor of the Lease and Lend Act), General George Marshall (Army Chief of Staff), Admiral Stark (Chief of Naval Operations) and Major-General Arnold (Chief of the Army Air Corps).

One of the chief purposes of the conference was to consider the need for a fast output of heavy bombers.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REPORTED TO HOPE FOR AN OUTPUT OF 500 A MONTH.

According to White House officials, the conference would provide an opportunity for Major-General Arnold, who has just returned from Britain, to make a complete report to what some quarters call the "War Cabinet."

In the meantime President Roosevelt has appointed Major-General James Burns, who is a member of the executive committee of the Army and Navy Board, as assistant to Mr. Harry Hopkins to handle detailed work under the aid for Britain programme. — Reuter.

Letter To Col. Stimson Made Public

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt has made public a letter he wrote to Secretary of War Stimson and other defence heads directing them to concentrate on the production of heavy bombers.

The President said: "Command of the air by the Democracies must and can be achieved." He announced that an all-time high of 1,427 planes of all types were produced in the U.S. in April, giving rise to hopes that the goal of 2,500 a month, or 30,000 a year, will be reached by September.

The step-up in production is believed to have influenced President Roosevelt to urge even greater speed on bombers. — International News Service.

STALIN BECOMES PREMIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stalin yesterday assumed the Premiership of the Soviet, his first high post in the Government proper.

Molotov has been demoted to Vice-Premier but will retain the post of Foreign Commissar.

A Moscow radio announcement said Molotov was relieved of his post "in accordance with his repeated requests."

IMPLICATIONS OF THE MOVE ARE NOT CLEAR. STALIN GETS THE TITULAR POWER HE HAS ALWAYS ACTUALLY HELD. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

TURKEY'S PLEDGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

When Mr. Eden referred in the House of Commons yesterday to United States aid, a member intervened "Let's do a bit ourselves."

Mr. Eden quickly replied "We are pre-supposing the maximum effort by ourselves and the United States of America."

Mr. Eden, in the course of his statement, said he was convinced Turkey would abide by her pledges. — International News Service.

TAI HANG HUT BURNING INCIDENT

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council will ask the following questions:—

1. Will Government make a full statement on the recent fire of the squatters' huts at Tai Hang, and in particular:—
 - (1) What notice was given to the squatters before the huts were destroyed?
 - (2) By whom, on whose authority and under what powers the huts were set on fire?
 - (3) Were only the huts destroyed or were personal belongings of the squatters also destroyed?
 - (4) What arrangements have been made for the accommodation of the squatters whose huts were destroyed?
2. Will the Government make any statement regarding the recent representations made by the former night-soil collectors now replaced by Government employees?

SHANGHAI RICE PRICES DECLINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The spectacular decline in rice prices, first relief in years to the Chinese masses in Shanghai, continues with quotations registering a further drop of \$10.

Traders believed the decline is due to the Council's resolute step in assuming a monopoly and importing rice from Hong Kong. — International News Service.

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STOP PRESS

The comedy of the visits is assuming Gilbertian proportions. The only place where the suggested visit to Washington by Mr. Matsuoka and visits by President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull is taken seriously is the Japanese press.

It is naturally inconceivable that either Mr. Cordell Hull or President Roosevelt will dream of going to Japan, and there is no enthusiasm in the United States to see Mr. Matsuoka in Washington.

Indeed, while official circles are silent on the subject, there are those in well-informed quarters who regard the suggestion that after Japan had trampled all over American interests in China and driving her trade from that country, and after signing a pact with Berlin aimed specifically against the United States, the suggestion that Mr. Matsuoka should come to Washington to persuade the United States to sign a non-aggression pact savours only of effrontery.

With Russia in the position she is, it is seen in Washington that M. Stalin kissing Mr. Matsuoka is quite in order, but no one in Washington sees the necessity for President Roosevelt or Mr. Cordell Hull to thus woo Mr. Matsuoka.

The general feeling appears to be more in the line with Representative Ellis who favours an ultimatum to Japan then start "polishing her off the face of the earth" if she does not comply and Senator Pepper who wants to see American bombers making shambles of Tokyo.

That famous kiss on Moscow Station caused many comments one of which, in verse, was printed in the "Washington Star"—

"There is a kiss you get from mother. There is a lot of love in this."

"There is a kiss you get from brother, known as duty."

"There is a kiss that drives you batty; there is a kiss that Joe gave Matty. It is the sweetest of all."—Reuter.

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